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Mr Healey to aid company profits in Budget on November 12

dget Day will be Tuesday, November 12, it s announced yesterday after Mr Wilson's first binet meeting since the election. Mr Healey's ationary Budget is expected to include asures directed towards improving company uidity and profitability.

e Prime Minister met CBI and TUC leaders Downing Street yesterday afternoon (details, e 2). Their discussions were believed to have tred on the need to avoid domestic recession.

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reflationary autumn t will be opened by the ellor of the Exchequer on ay, November 12. The date nnounced by the Treasury day immediately after Mr had held his first meet- the Cabinet at 10 Down- reet since last Thursday's l election.

Cabinet ministers were t, except Mr Shore, ary of State for Trade, he meeting lasted from am to 12.50 pm.

Wilson and his colleagues elieved to have been preoccupied with their tions for the first session new Parliament. They llowing the legislative ies declared during the campaign.

r a five-day debate on the s in reply to the Queen's , starting on October 29, lealey, the Chancellor, o lose no time in launch- s promised Budget, in he has clearly committed to improving the y and profitability of ies in the private sector curbing a rapid rise in oyment.

ioneering on October 4, aley said: "I recognize ome action will be d (that is, in November) rove both liquidity and ility in the business but I will be anxious to it in ways which have ximum impact on invest- nd exports."

scale of the Chancellor's n, he has hinted, must on the autumn forecasts e about to come to hand Treasury.

Mr Healey will not be at eads with the attitude ers of the Confederation sh Industry and the TUC, ere at Downing Street r Wilson yesterday after- ll parties want to avoid estic recession, and to policies that will be a vailing influence on any nary policies that may eloping in the rest of stern world.

clear that the Chancellor consider his decision of 26, in his first Budget, corporation tax to 52 n and then levy an payment. As an accompaniment, Mr Wilson and Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, gave a pretty firm pledge that the price code would be eased to enable companies to strike a higher rate of profit in a time of inflation.

Meanwhile, Mr Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster at the Treasury and Mr Wilson's economic adviser, has been making a busy reconnaissance in the City to create an investment bank that would offer facilities for companies which, short of capital and hamstrung by a weakening of funds, are unwilling to take the risks of bold investment in the future.

In the planning yesterday of the Queen's Speech and the parliamentary programme, the corollary to Mr Healey's Budget to bring new confidence to the private sector was the early presentation of legislation from Mr Foot's Department of Employment to reinforce the social contract and reinforce the confidence of the TUC.

The Protection of Employment Bill, strengthening the position of the trade unions, will be given priority, although there is still a question whether it will go so far as Mr Foot and the TUC would wish in restoring full picketing rights to workers.

It is clear that Mr Wilson has let the Cabinet know that, as in 1964, he intends to govern in the new precariously balanced House of Commons as though the Government had a safe majority. Indeed, on realistic arithmetic, the Government must be reckoned safer than a majority of one vote, after non-voting chairmen have been appointed, may suggest.

No party, after two general elections in a year, wants an early return to the polls, and the Government is not likely to come under pressure for at least two years unless it ignores Mr Wilson's wishes and adopts provocative legislative tactics.

The situation is almost perfectly designed to suit Mr Wilson's particular skills of party management, and also to curb the excesses of the Labour left wing. The Queen's Speech will reflect that situation.

Mr Wilson reassures TUC, page 2

Mr Heath says party unity is his concern

By Our Political Editor

Nothing in Mr Heath's matter or manner conclusively suggested that he had come any nearer to a decision to resign as Leader of the Opposition when he appeared on television last night to exercise his right to reply to Monday's ministerial broadcast by the Prime Minister. At one point, he even seemed to look well ahead into the first session of the new Parliament, which will see the Labour Government's developing renegotiation with the EEC. "I will continue", he said, "to do all I can as Leader of the Opposition to hold Europe and ourselves together".

But he did use one sentence that seemed to be heavily charged with particular personal significance. In a cutting reference to the fact that Mr Wilson had been "echoing the theme of national unity which I and the Conservative Party put forward in the last campaign", Mr Heath commented: "Within this theme the unity of the Conservative Party is my particular responsibility as its leader."

The nuance was there to be picked up that Mr Heath would not stay on as leader if he found he was the cause of disunity within the party. "Let me tell you quite simply", he said, "that for my part the interests of the nation and the party will remain my only concern".

The remark was certainly addressed to the rank and file he leads, and certainly there were some Conservatives last night, including some of his critics here and there, who would relish the venom with which Mr Heath vindicated himself by scoring off Mr Wilson's post-election borrowing of the election cry of national unity. By any standards, Mr Heath's was a sturdy and proud performance in what could not be other than harrowing circumstances.

Mr Heath welcomed the Prime Minister's appeal for national unity, and gave it his support, because for him "it is the only way we can hope to face what we told you lies ahead". Mr Heath added: "We told you the truth. You will now be able to judge by events."

Yet, he said, some people might find it a little strange to hear the Labour leader talking of "the whole of our national family" so soon after he seemed intent on divorcing that family into the useful people who supported himself "and the rest of us who were presumably useless." Strange, Mr Heath commented, that Mr Wilson could so soon find the "meeting point", a Labour manifesto reference, that only a few days ago he declared did not exist.

"Labour," he said, "have now come to stand on the ground of our conviction, and about that we can have no complaint as long as they stand on it four square." The new Labour Government would not have an easy task. "It will have to remember that it must speak and act as coolly and impartially for the 60 per cent of the British people who voted against it as it does for the 40 per cent who voted for it.

"It must put aside the policies of division and class prejudice. If Labour now mean what they say, they must treat national unity as more than a form of words."

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Rescue operation for 80,000 insurance policy holders

By Our Financial Staff

Jessel Securities, the financial, unit trust and share-dealing group run by Mr Oliver Jessel, yesterday acknowledged that it faced critical difficulties by asking the Stock Exchange to suspend dealings in its shares.

This was precipitated by trouble in Jessel's insurance subsidiary, London Indemnity and General Insurance, which has a life fund of about £85m and 80,000 policyholders. After consultation with the Department of Trade, London Indemnity has agreed to stop writing new business.

A rescue operation to protect policyholders is being discussed by several other life assurance companies led by Prudential Assurance. Although Jessel Securities is liable to pay up £6m of uncalled capital in the event of a run on its subsidiary, a company statement yesterday morning said that there were not enough assets and cash to meet the call.

Moves are also afoot to salvage Jessel Securities, in consultation with its principal bankers, Barclays, Midland and Hambros, and trustees for the unsecured loan stock. At the suspension price of 11p the company is valued at £5m compared with a stock market capitalization of over £50m last year.

London Indemnity has run into trouble at a particularly sensitive moment for the life assurance industry. Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, discussed the need for better treatment of policyholders in the liquidation of insurance companies with insurance company representatives before the election. He was expected to make an early announcement explaining the Government's views.

The company's difficulties arise mainly from the rapid growth and decline of the guaranteed income bond business. In 1972 it attracted £70m of premium income, but in 1973 premium income plunged to £16m. As interest rates rose, investors surrendered their policies in order to invest in other higher-yielding bonds.

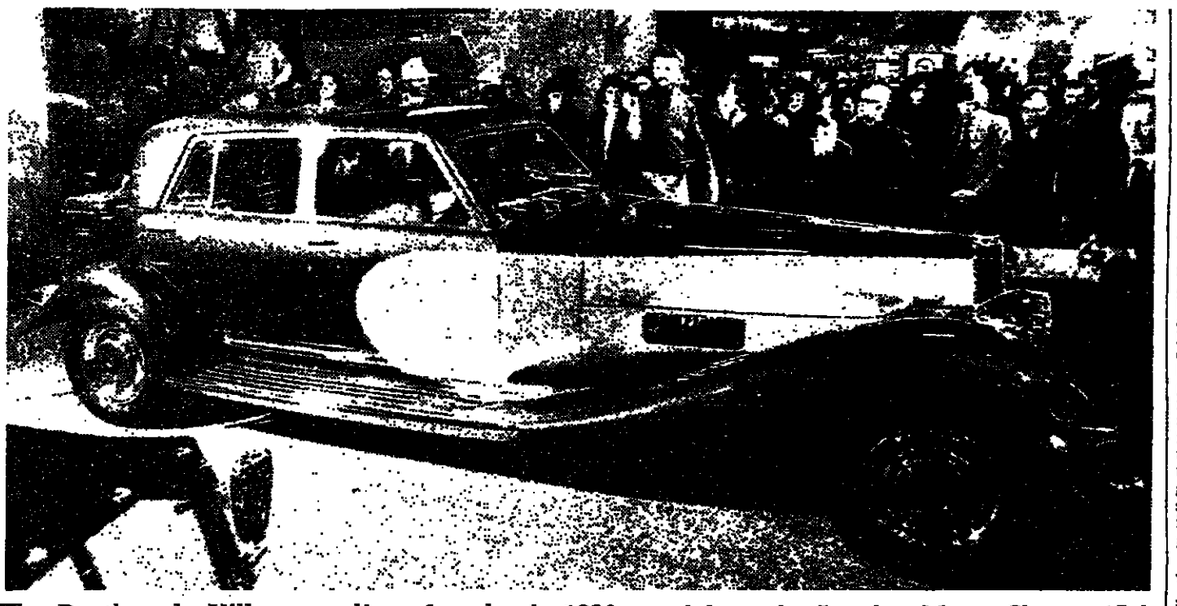
Mr Mark Weinberg, managing director of Hambro Life, said last night that he believed London Indemnity had suffered a cash outflow of up to £10m a month at one point before the Budget put an end to the tax advantages of guaranteed income bonds in March.

By December, 1973, the Department of Trade and the Government Actuary's department were concerned about the solvency of the company. Jessel Securities pumped £12m of new capital into the company.

However, although the flow of redemptions was staunched somewhat after the Budget, the Department of Trade was still concerned about the actuarial solvency of the company since the remaining guaranteed income bonds and other policies did not incorporate adequate penalties in the event of surrender.

London Indemnity was in no position to meet another run without new capital. The department therefore issued statutory notice to the company that it was considering a ban on all new business. The decision to stop writing policies has, however, been taken by agreement. The department said yesterday that the rescue arrangements under discussion were welcome and that "the good offices of

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The Panther de Ville, a replica of a classic 1930s model, at the London Motor Show. (Job warning by Ford chief, page 17.)

Nobel prize recognizes Cambridge astronomy

By Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

Sir Martin Ryle, the Astronomer Royal, and Professor Antony Hewish, the two Cambridge radio astronomers, were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics yesterday. It marks the outstanding contribution made by the Cambridge team in pioneering radio astronomy methods and discovering objects transmitting radio waves in the form that has transformed the thinking of theoreticians about the evolution of stars and the general understanding of the structure of the universe. This is the first time the prize has gone to an astronomer.

The Nobel Prize for Chemistry was awarded to Professor Paul J. Flory, aged 64, of Stanford University, California, for theoretical and experimental achievements in physical chemistry of macromolecules.

Sir Martin's first important achievement in radio astronomy was to invent a new type of telescope that was equivalent to an instrument with a diameter almost as big as the Earth. The technique, which became known as aperture synthesis, demands very long and painstaking observation of the sky.

However, that enables precise maps to be made of radio galaxies on the edge of the universe. The picture of the universe that emerged from the early observations formed the basis for heated arguments at meetings of the Royal Astronomical Society about cosmological theories.

Yet perhaps the greatest excitement in the world of astronomy came with a report from Dr A. Hewish and colleagues in February, 1968, of a pulsating star behaving like a radio beacon and transmitting a regular sharp signal at intervals of 1.3372795 second.

Other research groups have joined the systematic search for pulsars to produce a catalogue of more than a hundred. They are believed to be relics of stars many times larger than the Sun: but they collapsed when nuclear reactions within their centres burnt out. These collapsed stars are thought to be no more than 10 or 20 miles in diameter, spinning very rapidly and formed of tightly packed particles, chiefly neutrons. A teaspoonful of the material of a neutron star would weigh thousands of tons.

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£92m plane project halted by Hawker

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

Hawker Siddeley is to stop work on its HS146 airliner project, because of mounting development costs and the general economic situation.

The expected £92m development cost was being financed jointly by the company and the Government, with Hawker Siddeley responsible for any costs above that figure.

The company told the Department of Industry on Monday that work on the project would stop next Monday. Yesterday the unions and staff were told. It is hoped to limit redundancies to about 250.

The HS146 was probably doomed since last July, when Hawker Siddeley told the Government that the project should be terminated.

Costs had risen by about a fifth in the past year, and were likely to increase by another fifth this year, bringing the estimated development total to between £130m and £140m.

The selling price of the aircraft, estimated in 1973 as about £1.75m, was expected to rise to about £3m.

Approval for the project was given in August, 1973. The Government has contributed about £4m, and the company is believed to have spent about £6m.

Hawker Siddeley said yesterday the decision to stop work had been taken because of economic factors which had arisen since approval was given. They included the tremendous rise in fuel prices and general inflation.

Intended as a short-haul "feeder-liner" which would carry up to a hundred passengers, the HS146, due to enter service in 1977, was aimed at a market estimated to be worth more than £2,000m over the next 10 years and Hawker Siddeley was hoping to gain 30 per cent.

Defence lawyer claims Mr Nixon used Mr Ehrlichman in cover-up

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Oct 15

President Nixon "deceived, misled, lied to and used John Ehrlichman to cover-up his own activities", according to Mr Ehrlichman's lawyer, Mr William Frates, as he made his opening statement in his client's defence in the Watergate cover-up trial today.

"In simple terms, John Ehrlichman has been had by his boss, who happened to be President of the United States. He repeatedly told him he didn't know anything about a cover-up, when in fact he did", he said.

Mr Ehrlichman used to be Mr Nixon's chief adviser on domestic affairs and one of the most important men in the American Government. It has long been rumoured that he intended to break away from the former President and his friend, and former colleague, Mr H. R. Haldeman, and today he did so.

This is the first time that anyone who was in a position to know the extent of Mr Nixon's involvement has stated categorically that the ex-President took part in the cover-up—although nobody has seriously contested the allegation since early August.

Mr Frates clearly suggested that Mr Ehrlichman's defence will be an attempt to shift all the blame on to the shoulders of the President, the other defendants and Mr John Dean, who was Mr Nixon's counsel during the Watergate affair and who will be principal Government witness.

Much of the defence is very familiar, an attempt to impugn Mr Dean as a witness and to explain away Mr Ehrlichman's involvement. Mr Frates claims that his client knew nothing of the cover-up until March and April last year.

He professes to be delighted that Mr Nixon tape-recorded so many of his conversations and claims that whatever the tapes may do to other people, they will vindicate Mr Ehrlichman. It would now seem probable that the rift between the defendants, particularly between Mr Haldeman and Mr Ehrlichman, will provide one of the main features of the trial.

Meanwhile, Mr G. Gordon Liddy, the sole unbending man of Watergate, was today released from prison, pending appeal. He has so far spent 21 months inside, most of it for contempt of the federal grand jury investigating the cover-up where he has refused to answer questions.

The contempt charge supervened while he had begun serving his minimum six-year term for the Watergate break-in. He has also been sentenced for contempt of Congress, again for refusal to answer questions.

Under American law, no one granted immunity from further self-incrimination, as Mr Liddy was, may stand silent without risk of further punishment.

He also was given a concurrent one to three years' jail term for his part in the plumbers' break-in at Dr Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office.

He was released through the technicality of reduction of bail —from $100,000 (£47,300) to $5,000.

Mr Liddy recently broke his silence in the form of a long letter to his wife authorized for publication in *Harper's* magazine. In most literate, if slightly arch style, he argued that the American problem was failure to "perceive reality". He excluded himself from this failure by inference, implying that "loyalty" *per se* was of the highest virtue.

Washington, Oct 15.—Judge Sirica today scheduled a hearing for tomorrow on whether former President Nixon should be compelled to testify at the Watergate cover up trial.—UPI.

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ti-Heath MPs lose tactical ve to force early resignation

el Hatfield
Staff

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day's meeting, the in two days, was in- o be secret, but an in- leak exposed the front t doors of the Keyser building, city head- of the merchant bank, Mr du Cann is chair- the flashbulbs of wait- ographers.

executive members tight-lipped, it be- ar last night that the views of those who wanted some decorum to return to the Conservative ranks prevailed. The general impression gained afterwards was that although most members of the executive expected Mr Heath to resign; they felt that the matter should not be rushed.

Their view was accepted, but there was a move by a minority to precipitate events. The minority, who by no stretch of the imagination could be considered supporters of Mr Heath, wanted what might well have become a showdown meeting of the 1922 Committee next week. The date suggested was October 22.

A meeting on such a date would have been a calculated embarrassment to Mr Heath, who has still to make up his mind about his future. It would also have affected his carrying out consultations at all levels to gauge the feelings of the party.

The majority inside the executive apparently subscribed to the view that after recent events it was about time there was a return to the traditional disciplines of the Conservative Party. No purpose could be served by trying to hasten events that were in the hands of Mr Heath.

Liberal's plea: Mr Russell Johnston, Liberal MP for Inverness, declared last night that he would urge his 12 Liberal colleagues in the House of Commons and the 5,500,000 Liberal voters "to sacrifice some of our policies now and a lot of our pride and offer a working understanding to the Labour Government" (our Political Staff writes).

If, for selfish reasons any section of the country placed its own narrow priorities before the welfare of all, he said, they might gain in the short term, but they would create circumstances in which Britain would be pulled down.

"A Labour government with a Liberal conscience", Mr Johnston said, "could be the bridge across which all sections of the nation could walk towards the unity on those essentials which we must have to begin our recovery".

Bombing inquiry lead looks unpromising

By a Staff Reporter

Detectives hunting the authors of the Guildford bombings were losing hope in their latest lead last night. Gelignite was found hidden in Epping Forest and Commander Robert Huntley, head of Scotland Yard's serious crime squad, interviewed a woman found near by.

But links were not established between the gelignite and the bombings. Surrey police, who are investigating the Guildford blasts, went to interview the woman at Waltham Abbey police station.

Last night, the woman was still being interrogated but Surrey police said it was unlikely that she could help their own inquiries.

Moderator-elect

The Rev James G. Matheson, aged 62, minister of Portree, Skye, was chosen yesterday as the next Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Warden at safari park mauled

A young game warden at Windsor Safari Park was severely mauled by five lions yesterday. Mr George Newton, aged 27, a former circus lion tamer, had left his vehicle to shut a gate when he was attacked. He was in hospital at Slough last night. Another warden, Mr Michael Lily, aged 27, was able to scare off the lions by charging them with his vehicle.

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Mr Callaghan wants new EEC deal by spring

From Roger Berthoud
Luxembourg, Oct 15

A smiling and remarkably confident Mr Callaghan came to Luxembourg from a Cabinet meeting in London today to urge full steam ahead on the renegotiation of Britain's EEC membership terms.

Speaking after a meeting of the EEC's Council of Ministers, the Foreign Secretary said he would like to see renegotiations completed by early spring, "so that the British people will know what is going to emerge". He thought the EEC summit planned for December would give an opportunity to carry renegotiations forward.

Britain's contribution to the EEC budget remains a key issue, and Mr Callaghan thanked M Ortoli, the president of the European Commission, for a statement today indicating that the Commission's economic and financial inventory should be concluded very soon. This, Mr Callaghan commented, meant there might be substantive talks at next month's Council meeting in Brussels.

What Britain wanted on the budgetary front, Mr Callaghan said, was acceptance of the principle that what you pay in is related to your capacity to pay, "not a bad socialist principle". Adjustment would be automatic if Britain suddenly became rich or Germany fell into the ranks of the underdeveloped. A fair arrangement was wanted. The question of British concessions to gain it did not arise.

He also hoped for quick progress on the common agricultural policy, after the agreement a fortnight ago by the Council that a stocktaking exercise should be completed by the end of February.

Mr Callaghan thought the Community's longer-term goals, such as economic and monetary union, would impinge on renegotiations only in so far as sovereignty was concerned. Westminster was against the involuntary loss of sovereignty.

The EEC, he said, had passed out of the Pompidou and even the Brandt era. We would have to see how these aims evolved under the new leaders. A different attitude might be closer to Britain's approach.

Mr Callaghan opened his remarks to the press by saying the new Labour Government would run its full term, or certainly for a stretch of four years plus. This ensured a considerable period of stability. He recalled, too, that Labour had said the British people should be able to declare themselves on EEC membership within 12 months of the election.

The next 15 to 18 months would be tough economically for Britain. But he hoped they could start containing costs by the last quarter of 1975, and that the first quarter of 1976 might see us into rather calmer waters.

HOME NEWS

'Unlimited travel for £1 a week' means big fare cuts for many

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

Some bus passengers in the West Midlands County Council area, particularly in the Black Country, will soon be getting fare reductions of up to two fifths and ordinary rail fares in the area will be cut by the same amount the West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive said in Birmingham yesterday. "There is no fundamental reason why rail fares need be different from those applicable to buses", the executive added.

Announcing a plan intended to bring about fare uniformity in the metropolitan West Midlands, the executive said its decision would go a long way to ensuring fair charges. Several of the proposals are expected to begin operating in December.

The executive said it had developed the principle of providing the regular bus passenger in the county council area with unlimited travel at a maximum price of £1 a week. It proposed to extend that travel card facility to include rail services: travel cards costing £4 for four weeks would be available on railways and buses to encourage as many people as possible to use the railways.

"The executive consider that the principle of directing major fare advantages towards the regular traveller should be applied where possible. If this principle is accepted, financial support would be applied to a greater extent to the travel card rather than to the fares paid by the casual traveller", a report from the executive to the county council said.

It added that the introduction of travel cards on the railways would allow regular passengers "to travel by the form of transport which best suits them and to interchange freely between rail and bus. The cards would tend to be taken up by season-ticket holders, except for those travelling about four miles or less. This would leave a relatively small number of passengers travelling at ordinary fares."

The biggest fare reductions are proposed for many of the former Midland Red services taken over last year by the executive. Rail fares will be reduced first to the same rates as payable on the bus routes and then to the standard rate of fare paid in the county council area.

A standard method of calculating fares will be adopted, based on that used in Birmingham: the journey is charged according to the number of one-kilometre stages the passenger travels. The new bus fares will go before the traffic commissioners in Birmingham on November 13.

The proposals would reduce passenger revenue by £850,000 a year, but it is proposed simultaneously to increase the lowest fare of 3p to 4p, which should yield an extra £950,000 a year.

British Airways flights back to near normal today

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff

British Airways domestic and European flights, virtually halted for the past three days, are expected to be almost normal today after the settlement of a dispute involving 3,500 supervisors at the airline's engineering and maintenance base at Heathrow.

After 10 hours of negotiations with officials of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS), the airline said it hoped to start running most flights again from early today. The dispute has caused the cancellation of well over 400 flights and has cost British Airways more than £1m in revenue.

The supervisors had worked to rule in support of their claim for a new pay structure agreement which they hoped would give them between £200 and £300 a year more and bring them into line with comparable British Airways employees.

But they accused the airline management of operating a lockout and said that supervisors were asked whether they were prepared to work normally, and if they refused were sent home.

Union officials, led by Mr Robert McCusker, deputy general secretary of ASTMS, last night reached agreement with the airline on lifting the lockout conditions in return for normal working, so that talks on the claim could proceed.

Lorry strike talks fail

Talks intended to end an unofficial strike by 5,000 lorry drivers, which is crippling industry in central Scotland, ended last night without success.

The strike over pay, in its second week, is expected to continue at least until tomorrow, when talks between the Road Haulage Association and union officials will resume.

Docks, the food trade and the newspaper industry are worst affected. Stocks of raw materials are dwindling.

The Road Haulage Association, Scottish area, said drivers were using "flying pickets" to halt depots. About two fifths of the Scottish road transport industry was stopped.

Busmen put 'special case' claim for rises

By Raymond Perman

Busmen's union leaders said yesterday that their members were a special case and asked employers to break the social contract rule that there should be 12 months between pay increases.

Mr Larry Smith, a national officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, presented a claim for substantial rises on behalf of 70,000 municipal busmen, whose pay agreement does not expire until January 1. A similar demand for 90,000 provincial workers, whose agreement expires on March 1, is expected to follow soon.

Mr Smith said the claim was within the spirit of the contract as it applied to special cases. Public-sector employees' pay had fallen behind that of workers in private industry; higher wages were necessary if staff shortages were to be overcome.

Several areas have far too few workers and there have been strikes by provincial busmen demanding improvements in pay or conditions to boost recruiting.

Most recent is in the North-east where 1,200 busmen in Newcastle upon Tyne and South Shields have begun an indefinite strike over the suspension of some of their workmates for refusing to collect increased fares. The refusal was part of industrial action in support of demands for better conditions.

Busmen in Sunderland will meet today to consider joining the strike.

The employers of the municipal busmen, who earn between £20.15 and £26.85 a week, are expected to reply to the claim on October 30.

Engineers' chiefs seek big rises for union

By Our Labour Staff

The eight members of the executive council of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, Britain's second largest union, met yesterday to consider their own pay claim, which they will submit to the 52 members of the union's policy-making committee next month.

In spite of its preeminent position in terms of industrial and political power, the union pays its leaders rather badly. Its president, Mr Hugh Scanlon, earns £3,750 a year, and the other seven executive members earn £3,250 each.

Mr Jack Jones, leader of the Transport and General Workers' Union, who occupies a comparable position to Mr Scanlon, is reputed to earn about £8,000 a year. Mr Geoffrey Drain, of the National and Local Government Officers' Association, receives about £11,000.

The AUEW executives decided not to put a figure on their demand, but to press for substantial increases. Their last rise was £250 a year, made two years ago.

The union's 170 full-time officials, who get £2,750, are demanding £1,100 to restore their purchasing power to its 1970 level.

Indians held at Ramsgate

Four Indians were arrested in Ramsgate yesterday. Two were found by a policeman near the harbour. They could not speak English.

Later, a van was searched by Customs officers at the Pegwell Bay hovercraft port and two more Indians were found. Two German drivers were being questioned last night.



Ernie Hunt, of Bristol City, and his clubmates trying a new training technique with Elizabeth Parker and other members of the Northern Dance Theatre in Bath. (Diary, page 14.)

Mr Wilson reassures TUC chiefs

By Paul Routledge
and Malcolm Brown

Mr Wilson gave the unions an unequivocal pledge yesterday at a meeting with TUC leaders that the Government intends to carry out its manifesto promises despite the precariousness of its parliamentary majority. In a separate meeting with leaders of industry he was urged to abolish or ease price controls and to lift part of the tax burden which is causing great liquidity difficulties for many companies.

In his talks with the TUC leaders, the Prime Minister made clear that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will introduce a reflationary Budget on November 12 intended to restore confidence in industry; for their part the unions accepted selected easing of statutory price controls.

The first talks between leading members of the Government and the TUC since the general election was plainly an amicable but determined meeting of minds, with Cabinet ministers almost falling over themselves in their enthusiasm for the social contract.

Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, promised to bring in a short Bill to repeal Opposition amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, which abolished the Industrial Relations Act, 1971, in the summer. He warned the unions that Mr Healey's Budget would be "up the spout" if the social contract did not work.

Mr Wilson opened the discussions with two firm promises: "We are not going back to confrontation or a statutory incomes policy. We are going ahead with the manifesto as though we had a large majority."

His arguments were expanded by the Chancellor, who said: "We have to replace despair with determination, and fear by hope." He promised that the Government would borrow to finance the nation's deficits until North Sea oil began to flow. He mentioned a figure of £3,000m.

Planning had gone astray under the Conservatives, he added, and the Government could not allow economic policy to go racing ahead as they had. In particular, the pound could not be allowed to slip farther.

Much of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of the economic performance of private industry. Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, criticized Pilkington Glass for "putting a pistol to our head" by deferring a £150m expansion plan until the economic situation was righted, but Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said the Government had to restore companies' profitability.

The TUC side, comprising the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the general council's "inner cabinet", left Downing Street after 75 minutes with an air of satisfaction.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said there had been a very useful exchange of views, though necessarily in broad terms, and the trade unions would be taking up specific points with ministers in the coming weeks. The TUC would be making representations to Mr Foot on his proposed Employment Protection Bill, which extends the rights of trade unionists, and to Mr Healey about his coming Budget.

He agreed that the economy was in serious difficulty but insisted that the difficulties were "not insuperable, and there is no reason for despair". Employers and unions had to work together to replace despair with determination.

The unions had welcomed Mr Wilson's statement on television that unemployment was not only cruel but an economic irrelevance. The TUC side had conceded that because of the price code industry had some cash-flow difficulties, "but this is by no means the general situation. We emphasized, and the Government agreed, that the approach therefore must be selective in the sense of finding people who need help."

There was general agreement at the meeting that the present situation was different from the aftermath of previous bouts of wage restraint when the dams had burst. "This is the dam that has not burst", he said. "There have been trickles here and there, but there has not been a great deluge, which people were confidently predicting."

Nothing specific had been asked of the unions and the exchange of views about the economic situation would be continued at a meeting of the National Economic Development Council next Tuesday.

At their meeting with Mr Wilson and his senior colleagues, the team of eight from the Confederation of British Industry, led by Mr Ralph Bateman, the confederation's president, told the Prime Minister that industry urgently needed cash to see out the winter without serious casualty.

After the talks, Mr Bateman said the discussions had ranged over the whole industrial scene, including liquidity and the cash crisis, industrial profitability, and inflation.

He had no reason to be unhappy with the talks, he said; however, he added: "I am sure they understood our problems, but I am not sure their solutions are the same as ours."

The CBI had not been asked to subscribe to the social contract, but wage guidelines were discussed and would be discussed further.

The CBI wants talks with the TUC. Mr Campbell Adamson, director-general of the confederation, made clear that industry would be seeking a considerable tightening of the provisions in the TUC's guidelines.

The price code will be discussed in greater detail on Friday when the CBI is due to meet Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Affairs. The industrialists will also have further talks with Mr Healey.

On prices, the confederation wants, as a minimum, changes in the provisions for "allowable costs". They argue that unless they are enabled to pass on more of their increased costs in higher prices there will be a severe shortage of cash for investment.

On taxation, a change is wanted in the provisions covering stock appreciation. To maintain the same level of activity companies are having to find extra cash to buy the same amount of stocks. But since the tax system makes no allowance for replacement costs, liquidity is severely strained, particularly in periods of high inflation.

Asked if he feared further situations of the Pilkington Glass type, Mr Bateman said: "There are lots of those."

Industry's detailed approach to the Chancellor and Mrs Williams will be discussed at a meeting of the CBI's grand council today.

The confederation has decided on the outlines of its approach to the Chancellor on the stock appreciation question. It appears to be in favour of the Swedish system of tax allowances, which has the merit of not involving a departure from the traditional "first in, first out" method of stock valuation.

Mr Heath challenges Labour on inflation

The following is the text of Mr Heath's reply on television last night to Monday's ministerial broadcast by the Prime Minister:

Last night the Prime Minister made an appeal for a national effort to beat the crisis which faces the country.

In this he was echoing the theme of national unity which I and the Conservative Party put forward in the last campaign. Within this theme the unity of the Conservative Party is my particular responsibility as its leader. Let me tell you quite simply that for my part the interests of the nation and the party will remain my only concern.

As Leader of the Opposition I welcome the Prime Minister's appeal for national unity. I welcome his appeal, and I support it. To me it is the only way we can hope to face what we told you lies ahead. We told you the truth. You will now be able to judge by events.

Some people may find it a little strange to hear the Leader of the Labour Party talk of "the whole of our national family" so soon after he seemed intent on divorcing that family into the "useful people" who supported him and the rest of us who were presumably "useless".

A little strange that he can so soon find the meeting point that only a few days ago he declared did not exist. No matter. Labour have now come to stand on the ground of our conviction and about that we can have no complaint: As long as they stand on it four square.

This new Labour Government will not have an easy task. It will have to remember that it must speak and act as coolly and impartially for the 60 per cent of the British people who voted against it as it does for the 40 per cent who voted for it. It must put aside the policies of division and class prejudice.

If Labour now mean what they say, they must treat national unity as more than a form of words. What the British people will not tolerate is finding that Labour have adopted the rhetoric without the reality.

The Conservative Party will judge them, and you will judge them too, on what they do, not on what they say. It is the only test of truth. Over these next few months we shall be testing that truth on behalf of everyone in this country.

That is our duty as the Opposition, to watch out on behalf of people who may not otherwise get a hearing from the government of the day; for everyone who feels forgotten; not just for the "big battalions" that can look after themselves.

We shall be making sure that this government behaves as a British government should and makes a contract with all the people. If it does not, it will have a fight on its hands. For on unity and on the truth we can make no compromise.

As I say, governments must expect to be judged by what they do. Perhaps I can suggest a few of the questions on which you should judge them in the months ahead.

The first question is this: What is the Government now going to do about inflation, the highest rate of inflation in our history? Not, I am afraid, 8.4 per cent and falling but nearer 20 per cent and rising. No one doubts now that wage increases beyond what we can afford are threatening to make inflation worse than ever. The second question is this: What is the Government going to do about wage increases? At a time when everyone agrees that no improvement in living standards is likely "no member of our national community has the right to seek to take out of our national income more than he puts into it by his work and effort and skill".

Isn't that fair? Those are not my words. The Prime Minister used them last night and that is sound Conservative thinking. So, presumably, no more 30 or 40 per cent wage increases without the necessary increases in productivity? I hope we are all talking the same language on this. It's up to the Government now to make it clear.

And the third question: What is the Government going to do about strikes in support of inflationary wage demands? That is no academic question this winter. In fact, the number of days lost in strikes under the last Labour government was way, way up on the same months in the year before under the Conservatives; and that was summer. The Government will sooner or later have to take a stand.

And then what about jobs? Unemployment is also rising for inflation is the cause of unemployment. And the fact that inflation is still getting worse means that unemployment is going to rise still further.

Labour have been taking money out of businesses by extra taxes just at the time when firms need to retain this money to keep people in jobs. Labour now admit this. Well and good. In that case, the logic is inescapable. They must repeal the extra taxes they put on industry.

And what about nationalization? Sixty per cent of the electorate have said that they want no part of it. It will cost this country money. It will cost us jobs. And there is a price to pay in freedom. And it will divide us as a country. If the Government really want to unite this country, they will put nationalization right out of the minds.

But will they be allowed to? We let us see what happens.

These are all perfectly fair questions for you to put to the Government. And there is one more. Will this government now do something positive to repair our relationships with our friends abroad, and particularly Europe? We need them. They want us. Yet today they watch us, sadly, waiting for us to join the struggle, for world stability and global sanity.

I will continue to do all I can as Leader of the Opposition to help Europe and ourselves together. But Europe will not go on waiting for ever. Nor will our allies, however patient they may be, put up for long with the uncertainty hanging over Britain's defences.

Are Labour going to weaken our defences? This is something the Conservative Opposition must resist in an increasingly dangerous world. To judge by his words last night, the Prime Minister has at last seen the sense of what we in the Conservative Party have been saying all along. He wants industry as an ally. He wants partnership with the "national family". He sees it as the only chance of survival as "a people working together".

As Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, I welcome those words. But I have always believed that they are what government is all about. We intend to make it our duty to see that those words are turned into positive action, action that will protect and benefit not just the 40 per cent who voted Labour, not even the 60 per cent who voted against them, but all the people of this country. That is how we see our duty as the Opposition. But, above all, we shall go on seeing to it that they are told the truth.

Tories support Scots selectio

Scottish Conservative Party leaders yesterday announced that they would be supporting in principle the Labour Government's proposals on having a directly elected Scottish Assembly, despite the fact that the party's manifesto advocated an indirectly elected assembly drawn from local authorities.

Explaining the apparent reversal in policy, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, spokesman on Scottish affairs, said the party had reservations. It felt that to try to push through a private member's Bill to achieve an indirectly elected assembly would be futile in present cumstances.

The Labour Party's W Paper on devolution extremely vague at present the Conservative Party would pushing for detailed proposa

A suggestion that the "grou moor image" of the Scott Conservative Party had som thing to do with its failure attract the Scottish vote dismissed. Mr Buchanan-Smi said that "that image" was n an absolute myth in Scotla "It may have been true at o time, but the party now ha an utterly different type candidate."

Mr Fitt in talks to end Ulster deaths

By Our Political Staff

Ways of checking the campaign of sectarian murders in Northern Ireland were discussed by Mr Wilson and Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when Mr Fitt, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, visited 10 Downing Street yesterday for a 15-minute exchange.

The whole range of security questions in Northern Ireland was discussed, and Mr Wilson and Mr Rees assured Mr Fitt that the gravity of the situation in Belfast was fully recognized. Steps would continue to be taken to ensure that those responsible for sectarian murders were apprehended.

Robert Fisk writes from Belfast: The Government's decision this summer to try to recruit thousands more men for the RUC reserve appears to be paying off. In the past six weeks more than 2,300 people have applied to join.

Between 230 and 300 men and women have so far been accepted after interviews and security screening although, perhaps most important of all, the authorities seem unable to break down the figures into Protestants and Roman Catholics.

When Mr Rees announced the scheme for an enlarged reserve force with localized duties he was strongly criticized for providing a soy to "loyalists" who wanted a third force home guard in Northern Ireland. Plans to open local reserve centres prompted some Catholics to maintain that the force would become another form of B Specials, but the first of the new headquarters has in fact already been opened in co Antrim.

Most applicants are Protestants and Mr George Green, chairman of the Ulster Special Constabulary Association, the society for members of the B Specials, has applied and encouraged others to do the same. Mr Green does not know if his application has been accepted.

The potential size of the reserve force included 4,000 constables (from an original figure of 2,000) and full-time reserve strength of 1,000, compared to 350 in the past. Mr Rees is expected to draw upon those figures in his press conference at Stormont Castle today.

North Sea oil takes rising toll of life

From Tim Jones
Aberdeen

Mr John Clark, aged 31, joined the growing list of North Sea oil tragedies this week when he died on board the rig Waage 1 stationed in the Argyll field 187 miles east of Aberdeen. He was an experienced and competent diver, and it is thought that he may have suffered a heart attack.

On the same day two Louisiana men were trapped inside their midget submarine 275 ft down on the ocean bed while rescuers struggled to sever the half-inch rope entangled around the propeller. The men, Mr Leslie Lynch and Mr Gilbert Blevins, emerged safely six hours later to shrug off the experience and say "We just want to get on with the job".

At a time of fuel cuts and rumours of petrol rationing the two incidents serve to show that in terms of expense and human life North Sea oil will not be cheap.

Drilling in the most hostile environment yet experienced by man, North Sea oil and gas operations have so far accounted for more than forty lives with at least 230 other people seriously injured.

Some of these deaths, such as the thirteen who lost their lives when the Sea Gem installation collapsed, can be accounted for in one disaster. But others are undoubtedly the result of inexperience and greed.

A former diver employed by a company that services rigs said yesterday: "I wouldn't trust half the divers with my life. They come into the business for the big money and lack the experience necessary for North Sea work."

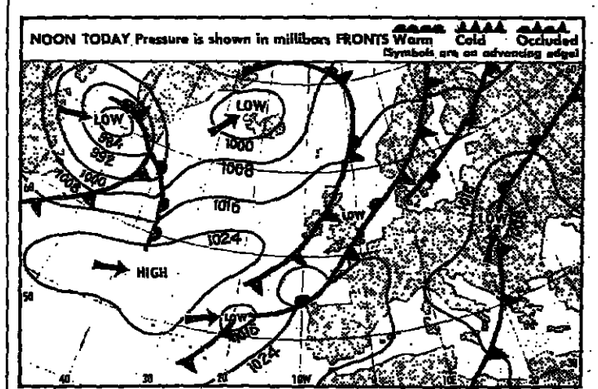
He estimated that of six divers normally employed on a rig only two were fully competent. "The rest are there just to make up the numbers. In my opinion half these so-called divers would be weeded out if we had proper training procedures."

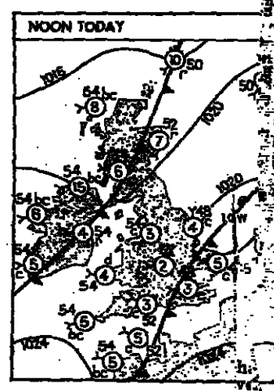
He hoped that new regulations to come into force next year would help to curb the "cowboys" lured by talk of £600 a week and more.

The new regulations will lay down statutory minimum safety, health and welfare requirements for offshore diving operations, and severe penalties are proposed for anyone who ignores them. Divers will be limited to three hours' diving in any 24 and companies will be compelled to provide the most up-to-date rescue equipment.

Although not infallible, midget submarines are contributing to North Sea oil safety as they do seabed jobs that previously would have involved divers working at extreme depths.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.26 am — Sun sets: 6.6 pm
Moon rises: 8.45 am — Moon sets: 6.11 pm
First quarter: October 23.
Lighting up: 6.36 pm to 6.57 am.
High water: London Bridge, 2.51 am, 7.4m (24.2ft); 3.5 pm, 7.4m (24.2ft). Avonmouth, 8.22 am, 13.8m (45.3ft); 8.40 pm, 13.9m (45.5ft). Dover, 12.11 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft). Hull, 7.2 am, 7.9m (25.9ft); 7.32 pm, 7.6m (25.0ft). Liverpool, 12.23 pm, 9.2m (30.3ft).

Weak troughs of low pressure will move slowly E across the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, E, central S England, E Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Isles: Rather cloudy, a little rain at times, becoming misty at night; wind variable light; max temp 12°C (54°F).

SW, NW England, W Midlands, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Bright at first, then mostly cloudy, a little rain at times; wind mainly NW, light; max temp 12°C

Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, rain at times; wind SW, light; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Central N England, NE England: Rather cloudy, a little rain at times, becoming misty at night; winds mainly W, light; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry tomorrow, but some fog patches at night; rain expected to spread from W to most areas on Friday.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind light variable, sea smooth.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind light variable, sea smooth.

30-day forecast

The meteorological office last night issued the following for the next 30 days: Unsettled weather is expected to be rese in all districts well before the of the first week, and the r October is likely to be rather cold and unsettled, periods of rain and some ga N districts. A change to relatively less cold weather likely in November. The mod mean temperature is expected be generally below average. It is not likely to be so abnorm cold as over the past 30 days. rainfall will probably be average in most districts, below average in W and N Scot and N Ireland. Fog and frost likely to occur with about usual frequency in most areas.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am 7 pm, 13°C (55°F); min, 7 pm 7 am, 6 °C (43°F). Humidity pm, 69 per cent. Rain, 24 hr 7 pm, trace. Sun, 24 hr to 7 p 0.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 p 1020.6 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

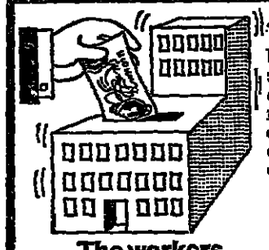
WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Athens	s	27	81	Dublin	c	12	54	Locarno	c	9	48	Nicosia	f	29	84
Barcelona	f	24	75	Edinburgh	c	12	54	London	c	12	54	Oslo	f	17	63
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Biarritz	c	17	63	Gibraltar	f	29	84	Malaga	f	25	77	Stockholm	c	7	45
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Cardiff	c	11	52	Jersey	c	12	54	Naples	r	15	59	Zurich	s	8	46

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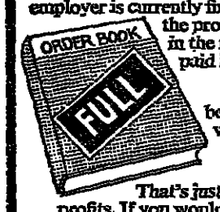


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Ratepayers 'lost out' in reorganization of local government

From a Staff Reporter
Bournemouth

Local government reorganization, which had led to a power struggle between county and district authorities, a swollen bureaucracy, and higher rates, was denounced by a county councillor at the Rating and Valuation Association conference at Bournemouth yesterday.

Mr Thomas Batty, who is leader of the Conservative group of West Yorkshire County Council, said it seemed that the only people not to gain out of reorganization were the ratepayers. They were saddened by what they had lost and "comletely disillusioned about the future".

He gave three reasons for thinking reorganization had failed:

"One of the main points in favour of reform was the need for one association to speak for local government in its negotiations with central government instead of four as previously", he said. It was a signal failure not to have achieved that aim. There were now three bodies: the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, the Association of County Councils, and the Association of District Councils. "So we are almost back to where we started and the Whitehall-Westminster alliance will still be able to divide and rule."

That was evident earlier this year over the allocation of the domestic element of the rate-support grant where, Mr Batty said, the decision was more in favour of those councils represented on the Association of Metropolitan Authorities than the other councils.

Mr Batty's second point was that in the Maud report, and elsewhere, great play had been made with the fact that the new authorities would attract a better type of elected member, but in general, the mixture was as before. He said: "My personal view is that the status of members has declined. Various factors contribute to this, including the increased power of officials, remoteness from the electorate and the controversy over payment of attendance allowances."

Mr Batty's third point was that reorganization was intended to do away with the friction between counties and county boroughs. He said: "This was in my view more imaginary than real but is nothing like the battle now going on between counties and districts.

"Coordination between counties and districts is imperative if local government reorganization is to succeed, but on the contrary, particularly in some metropolitan areas, districts are ganging up against county. It has even gone so far that some districts are actively engaged in an attempt to do away with county councils."

He described that as "a power struggle without parallel and no holds barred". He continued: "After being told that by the drastic reduction of the number of local authorities we should have greater efficiency at less cost, we have exactly the opposite."

It was known, Mr Batty said, that the royal commission report cost £400,000, but the actual cost of the organization had not even been estimated. New office blocks were being built or planned and the management structures had largely increased salaries in certain categories.

Welsh threat to block Irish beef imports

By Hugh Clayton

Farmers in North Wales are prepared to block roads and railways to prevent subsidized Irish beef and cattle from reaching British markets their leaders said yesterday.

Mr David Roberts, chairman of the Anglesey branch of the National Farmers' Union, said: "We are under tremendous pressure from our members to do something. It is almost amounting to a revolt."

Mr David Cary Evans, chairman of the NFU council for Wales, said farmers in Caernarvonshire might be driven to blocking railway lines if the Government failed to restrict the imports.

The NFU said it believed that 700 line animals and thousands of carcasses were arriving every day.

The union believes that Irish cattle, carrying EEC subsidies denied to British farmers, are helping to depress already uneconomic market prices. It says the animals are being sold at livestock markets in Manchester, Cambridge, Pontefract, Swindon and Luton.

The general purposes committee of the NFU is to meet today to discuss a resolution calling for machinery to combat the imports. The Anglesey branch executive is to meet on Friday.

The Ministry of Agriculture said there was no evidence that it was happening in any significant quantity.

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From left: Professor Paul J. Flory, of Stamford University, California, Professor Sir Martin Ryle, and Professor Antony Hewish, both of Cambridge, yesterday's Nobel Prize winners.

Nobel team together 25 years

Sir Martin Ryle, aged 56, and Professor Anthony Hewish, aged 50, joint winners of the Nobel Prize for Physics, have worked together at Cambridge for 25 years. Sir Martin was appointed the first Professor of Radio Astronomy at Cambridge in 1959 and was one of the first in the world. A fellow of Trinity College, he received his knighthood in 1966. He was also the first radio astronomer to become Astronomer Royal, succeeding Sir Richard Woolley in 1972.

As a fellow of the Royal Society and of the Royal Astronomical Society, Sir Martin has played an important role in stimulating the development of astronomy in the United Kingdom and in international collaboration.

During the war he worked on radar, and brought the new techniques of microwave electronics to advanced equipment for fundamental research. A team built at the Cavendish Laboratory by Sir Martin included Anthony Hewish.

Professor Hewish is a fellow of Churchill College. He is perhaps best known to the interested layman for his discovery of pulsars, which he identified with Jocelyn Bell, a research student.

The discovery enabled scientists to establish the presence of the enormously heavy neutron stars, something they had been speculating about since the 1930s, the academy said.

The best-known pulsar is in the Crab Nebula, a glowing cloud of gas thought to be the remains of a stellar explosion noted by the Chinese in 1954; one of the most interesting phenomena in the heavens, the academy called it.

Dr Hewish, who has held the chair of professor astronomy at Canterbury since 1971, was yesterday attending a meeting at the Royal Society in London. His wife, Marjorie, said at their home at Barton, near Cambridge: "He certainly will be incredibly thrilled. We wanted Professor Ryle to get it. That it has been awarded jointly is simply delightful. . . .

The two astronomers will share a tax-free prize of 550,000 kronor (about £53,000).

As an astronomer, Sir Martin has been a leading advocate of the "big bang" theory of the origin of the universe. According to this theory, the universe originated in an explosion whose fragments are still receding.

The Nobel citation praised Sir Martin's "observations and inventions", singling out the aperture-synthesis technique.

A total of 19 Britons have now won the physics award since the Nobel Prize was instituted in 1901. Britain, with 70 Nobel prizes, ranks second behind the United States, which heads the list with 120 prizes.

Six Yemenis said to be in 'crime syndicate'

A judge at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday that six Yemenis were among two hundred members of a professional crime syndicate based in Cairo and Italy which travelled the world committing thefts. The six are alleged to have stolen £20,000 in cash in six weeks in London and the Home Counties.

Det Sergeant John Jones said one defendant, Naji Abdul Kadir Abdulla, was in Britain illegally and one of the two women, Farida Abbas Farid Naim, was wanted in Lebanon in connexion with 30 thefts. Also in the dock were Abdul Khubill Abdulla Sherif, Nasim Farid Kamal, Abdulla Ibrahim Ali, and Lira Fareed Naaim. All were applying for bail.

Mr C. R. Mitchell, for the prosecution, said: "They asked for change of a £20 note and when the assistants became confused helped themselves to money from the tills."

Sergeant Jones said that five or six others involved had returned to the Middle East. After their arrest the six defendants "told lies for three days. They told different stories and gave various addresses which we were unable to check".

Mr Musslaf Hajja, First Secretary at the Yemeni Embassy, said his government was prepared to stand surety but Sir Carl Aarvold, the Recorder, said: "I cannot bind an embassy but even if I did it would not be worth the paper it was written on."

Bail was refused.

ampaigning reporters did ot abuse airport privilege

complaint by Liverpool Council that reporters the *Liverpool Echo* ed their press privileges to admission to parts of rpool airport, and that the spaper published a report was irresponsible and unified, has been rejected by Press Council.

story by Derek Whale and hen Oldfield said that e the army-police alert inued at Heathrow airport, lon, security was being ed up at all regional air-. To check security at rpool they left what they could have been briefcase s at the airport and were challenged by security

eir report said that they l have destroyed the ter-l building without diffi- and could have planted sives on any of half a aircraft.

e following day the news-r published a story in h Mr Oldfield said that on econd day of his "bomb" aign he was monitored by ful security guards and ity forces were very much heir toes.

the newspaper next day . Haigh, the corporation's security officer, replied e reports. He said two presented themselves at ecurity barrier and asked to the office of the air-director. To establish ity they produced press s, were allowed to enter apparently, took advanf that to create a story.

Oldfield wrote in reply the only press pass pro-l was an out-of-date one by a photographer.

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y at airports is a matter of interest and the Press Council rejects the suggestion that this report about it was irresponsible. The complaint is rejected.

Anonymous letter: The publication of an anonymous letter when the identity of the writer was unknown is condemned in a Press Council adjudication.

A Union of Post Office Workers complaint that the *Evening Echo*, Watford, published an anonymous letter purporting to be from a postman denigrating other postmen, was upheld.

The letter was headed "Shopping in the firm's van. . . . A pint on the job. . . . That's how I fiddle the boss's time."

In it the writer said he was a postman earning £48-£60 gross for a 30-hour week. He set out his daily schedule including practices referred to in the headline.

Mr Tom Jackson, general secretary of the union, wrote to the editor saying that so far as Post Office work was concerned the sentiments in the letter were downright lies. A postman in Hemel Hempstead had basic pay of just over £27 for a 43-hour week. The Post Office was very strict in ensuring that staff did not commit many of the practices described in the letter.

Mr Jackson's letter was published but without a reference to its request for an apology. The rest of the letters column was devoted to six other letters commenting on the anonymous letter. Mr Jackson wrote again to the editor saying he still considered an apology due. Mr I. H. Lewis, the editor, declined to apologize. He said that the anonymous letter dealt with a matter of public interest. He had decided it was genuine and therefore published it. Mr Jackson replied that on the basis of his inquiries the letter was a fabrication.

In its adjudication, the Press Council said that it was unethical in such circumstances to publish an anonymous letter without being aware of its authorship.

As a general proposition the council considers that publication is improper unless some positive inquiry is made and that the facts alleged may well be true

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judge said: "We have ot that, in his absence, his sed put a lot of blame . Briggs is now aggrieved , although Hales was ed to five years, the two men received os of 12 and nine

Judge expresses concern about juries

As more and more people become employed by the same organizations the day might come when "we shall never be able to empanel a jury at all", Judge Everett, QC, suggested at Middlesex Crown Court

The trial of a London airport loader on a theft charge had to be restarted after a juror had disclosed that he was himself a loader. When a fresh jury was sworn in, three potential members stood down because they had connexions with the airport.

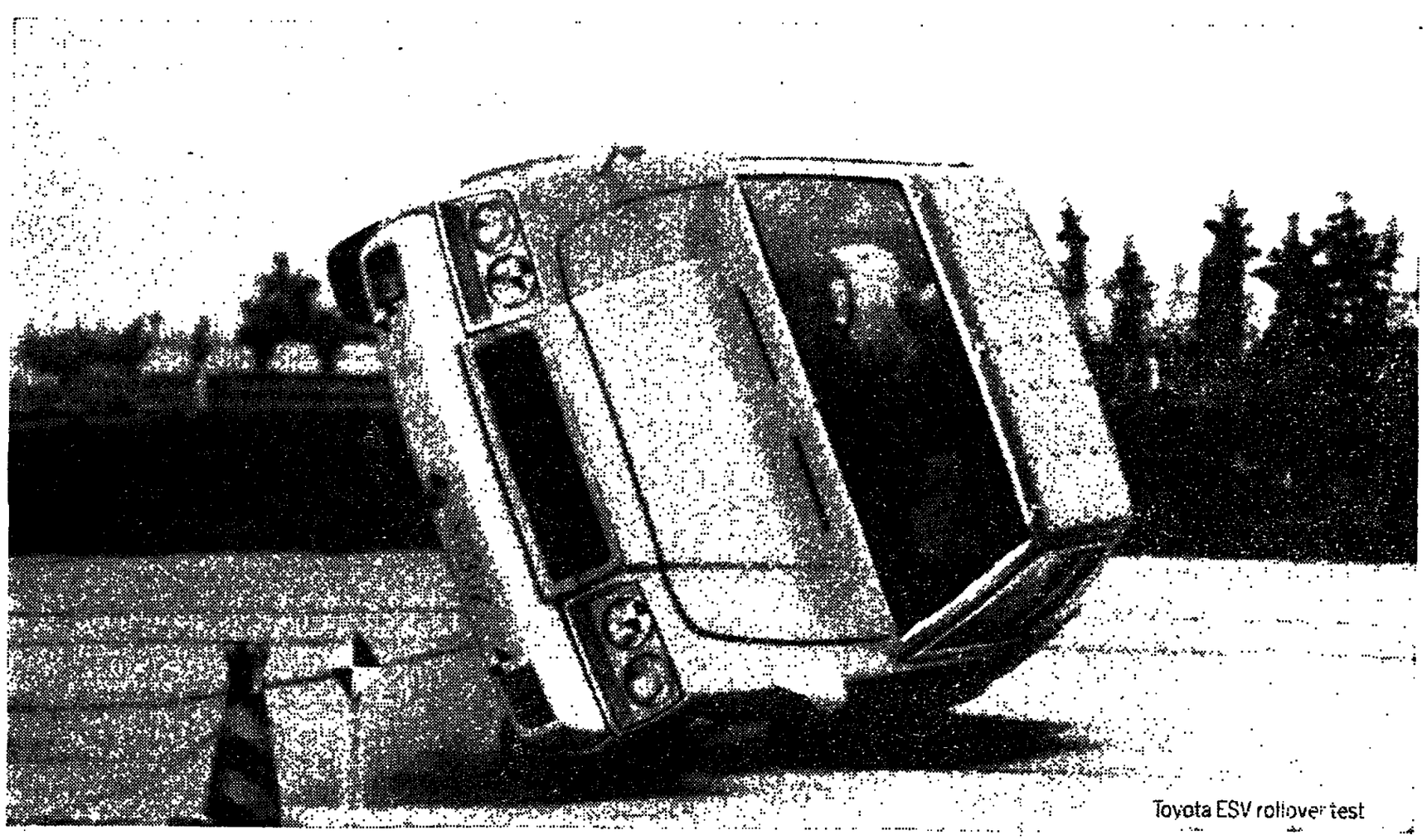
"I do not know where this sort of thing will lead us", the judge said. He asked whether similar difficulties would be met if, for instance, a juror was a typist in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, and the defendant a civil servant from a different department and part of the country.

Forged notes alert

Ten "very good" forged £5 notes, slightly lighter in shade than real ones, have been passed in Bristol in the past few days, the police warned shops there yesterday.

Nurses' hospital ban

Nurses at the 575-bed Lea Castle Hospital, Worcestershire, from tomorrow will ban all admissions and ballot on strike action because increased salaries due have not been paid.



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HOME NEWS

Television licence fee must rise early next year to avoid cutting programmes, BBC says

By Kenneth Gosling

The Government fairly soon will have to concede an increase in the television licence fee or the BBC will have to make big cuts in programmes, Sir Michael Swann, the BBC chairman, said yesterday.

The present fee is £7 for a black-and-white set and £12 for colour.

"We have formally asked for it to be raised but we have not put a figure on it because this is dependent on so many things", he said. "Our financial position is at present being looked at. We said ages ago that the present fee would just about keep us going until March or April 1975, when we are likely to be around about the limit of our borrowing powers."

Sir Michael, speaking at a Broadcasting Press Guild luncheon in London, said the figure depended on the differential between black and white and colour; as a sort of rough justice his personal view would be to have the colour licence twice that of the black and white.

In fact, £2 on each would make a significant difference, although it might be argued that it might be better to put more on colour. By world standards our fees were low: Denmark's was £42.57 and Holland's one of the lowest, £17.

Sir Michael said there had been economies already. "Though you can fiddle around with minor economies, the only way you can make major ones is by cutting programmes", he said. "The sort of thing that could develop is that we do not fill vacant posts, make cuts in hours—that sort of things. If the present fee is held any great distance into next year, that is the situation we shall be in."

Sir Michael answered accusations made during the election campaign that the BBC, with its recent pay settlement, had been the "villain" of the social contract.

The BBC had a strike on and was in difficulty. "I think we had no option in fairness and decency but to do what we did."

Any government might be tempted to think that direct financing would be less politically unpopular and less trouble, but he suspected that for the BBC it would be a lot more trouble. He continued:

"As long as you have a licence fee you preserve a degree of independence not so easy to preserve if you are financed directly. One way or another you are much more potentially subject to government intervention."

What they would like, he said, was "indexation" in some form, getting more money as the cost of living rose, although it was difficult to see how it would be done.

On Labour's proposals on broadcasting, published during its last term of office, Sir Michael said he was no believer in breaking up the BBC, "not that I think it would be the end of the world, but I am bound to ask myself what good it would do".

If it was said that the BBC was too big and had internal problems of communication, separating radio and television would not make much difference; conversely, it would lose cost-effectiveness and make the constituent parts politically a little more vulnerable, smaller units making government control easier.

Sir Michael spoke of the Louis Harris straw poll conducted for the BBC in 135 constituencies on election night.

"I think we were a little too anxious to get in first with some kind of prediction", he said. Researchers had stopped surveying polling stations at 8.15, one hour 45 minutes before voting ended.

"I do not know whether there were a lot of different voters who went in after that but the net result was disastrously wrong and we probably will not do that again at a future election."

In brief

Fine for death crash driver

Jacques Rouyer, a lorry driver from Cherbourg, was fined £150 and banned from driving in Britain for two years at Winchester Crown Court yesterday, for causing the death of two people by dangerous driving. His articulated lorry collided with a van near Winchester and Mr John Edward Molyneaux and Jacqueline Diane Johnson, both of Chandler's Ford were killed.

Demonstration echo

About 400 journalists and media workers protested at the Home Office yesterday about alleged intimidation and assault of press photographers by police officers at the Red Lion Square demonstration in September.

Win for composer

Michael Blake Watkins, of Woodford Green, Essex, has won the first Menuhin competition for young composers organized by the City of Westminster Arts Council and the Ernest Read Music Association.

Archbishop for TV

The Archbishop of York, Dr Coggan, who will become Archbishop of Canterbury in December, is to appear regularly in a new series of *Stars on Sunday*, the independent television programme, from next month.

Show not indecent

Charges against two Leeds cabaret performers, Richard and Dorothy Arnold, and a Dublin licensee, John Wheelan, of presenting an indecent exhibition at a public house, were dismissed at the Dublin Central Circuit Court yesterday.

Surgery escape

Mr Anthony Walton, a dentist, and a patient escaped unhurt in an explosion that wrecked a workshop next to the surgery in Castle Street, Thetford yesterday, injuring Mr Alan Chase, aged 40, a dental technician.

WEST EUROPE

Tory EEC group proposes direct elections to the European Parliament

By Our Political Staff

Direct elections to the European Parliament and, in effect, a compulsory European Bill of Rights are among the proposals for strengthening the EEC put forward by the Conservative group in the European Parliament in a document, entitled *The European Community: Our Common Cause*, published yesterday.

The group, which is composed of representatives from the British Conservatives and the Danish Conservative and Centre parties, is careful to point out that it does not want to see a ready-made constitution imposed on the peoples of Europe.

The document is not a blueprint; it is a statement setting out the group's position on a wide range of topics, from the economy and agriculture to the European Parliament and the rights of the citizen.

An early amendment to the Treaty of Rome is proposed, to include specific provision for the protection of the fundamental rights of the citizens of the Community. What the group has in mind is to extend the European Convention on Human Rights and then make it compulsory for member countries to ratify and apply it. In that respect, the group would propose:

The enlargement of the citizen's right to question the legality of Community acts, in order to provide an appropriate guarantee against incompetence and abuse of power.

Measures entitling the citizen, when in dispute with Community authorities or national public authorities administering Community decisions, to have access to and full disclosure of all documents of the authority relevant to his case, subject to considerations of defence and public safety.

The introduction of legal aid for the citizen who cannot pay the cost of instituting proceedings before the Court of Justice, not by way of loan but by way of grant.

An examination by the European Commission, in close collaboration with the Parliament, of all questions arising from the citizen's right of privacy, with the aim of taking action where necessary on a Community level, particularly in connexion with the gathering and dissemination of computer data.

A detailed examination of the possibility of appointing an ombudsman.

While the group wants an early decision on direct elections to the Parliament, it recognizes that because of widely differing laws and traditions in the member countries those elections could not be held for some time by a "uniform procedure".

In the meantime, the document suggests that priority should be given to reaching agreement on qualifications for voting and that during the transitional period the organization of elections should be left to the discretion of member countries.

With the increased authority and popular acceptance that would come from being directly elected, the Parliament would, the group believes, stand a better chance of being able to increase its control over the expenditure of the Community. The Parliament should also have the right, it is argued, to review all the Commission's proposals, not just those with budgetary implications, while they are still in draft form.

Our Parliamentary Staff writes from Strasbourg: At a press conference here, Mr Peter Kirk, leader of the European Conservative group, confirmed that the manifesto would be used in the campaign on any referendum about continued British membership of the Community.

He said: "I am very confident of the outcome of any referendum campaign, provided the Labour Party does not change its mind again. If it recommends acceptance then I think we shall win an overwhelming majority."

The intention of the document was to view the future of European construction on the basis of what had already been achieved and what could practically be achieved. The group was not trying to write a blueprint for the ideal Community in the 1980s, 1990 and the year 2000. It was intended to be the first attempt to write a practical manifesto for the next five years or so.

Mr Kirk went on: "We believe that everything in this document can be achieved without much alteration of the treaty, provided there is the will necessary to achieve it."

The group had in mind a conference in Cambridge next spring to discuss the contents of the manifesto. Representatives from each of the nine countries in the Parliament and from political parties in each country, including the British Labour Party, would be invited.

Mr Kirk said the Commission and the council had still to be convinced that the manifesto's recommendations were sensible and practical. The document had not been submitted to or approved by the three parties from which the group was made up, but the group would consider itself bound by it.

"It is not intended to be a document for the parties at home other than for stimulating discussion in these parties about the sort of things we should be doing in Europe," he said.

Mr Kirk said that although the document was available earlier, it had not been published in time for the British general election because they did not wish to complicate what was an already complicated campaign by producing something which could have been taken as the views of the British Conservative Party.

Man jailed for life threatens suicide

A man jailed for life for the murder of a teenage boy told a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that he would kill himself.

The man, Robert White, of no address, had just been told by Mr Justice Boreham that he would recommend to the Home Secretary that the minimum period of imprisonment should be 18 years.

Mr White, aged 33, was found guilty with Francis Quinn, aged 29, of murdering Christopher Whitaker, aged 16, in what the prosecution had described as a gangland execution.

Christopher Whitaker was lured to St Mary's Cemetery at Neasden, north London, on the night of January 22. His killers believed he had informed on them to the police and shot him twice in the head. His body was taken in a car boot and buried naked in a clay grave on waste land near the Welsh Harp reservoir, Neasden.

The judge told Mr White: "I have heard from your record and seen for myself the cynical mind which has no doubt led you into thinking you were, if anything, in the top league of crime, taking part in armed robbery.

"I have no doubt it was that, feeling the boy had let you down, which induced you to engage on this cold-blooded killing. You are not mentally sick, but you are an unstable and dangerous man."

A third man with them when the shooting took place, Mr White's nephew, Stephen Dalton, aged 23, of Prayle Grove, Cricklewood, was discharged after being found not guilty, on the judge's direction, of taking part in the murder and not guilty by the jury of assisting in burying the body to impede the arrest of his co-defendants.

Mr White told the jury after sentence: "I still say I never shot the boy. What you do with me is immaterial. I intend taking my own life anyway, but I am grateful to you for what you have done for my nephew."

Mr Quinn was also given a life sentence and the judge told him that he would recommend a minimum jail term of 12 years. Both men were also jailed for three years concurrently for having a shotgun with intent to commit an offence.

Nuclear power delays 'likely to be cut'

By Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

The introduction of the steam-generating heavy-water reactor, chosen in July by the Government for the next round of nuclear power stations, should not be subject to the delays that have characterized the early stages of the atomic energy programme, Sir John Hill, chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, said yesterday.

Presenting the authority's annual report, he said the development work had been done on a reactor operating under conditions almost identical with those expected in a commercial power station. The industry had also had longer than before to prepare designs. In fact, the reactor at Winfrith had been running for seven years and had produced the maximum possible electricity over last winter's peak demand period. Although the Winfrith reactor was designed to provide only 100 megawatts (MW) of power, it incorporated equipment appropriate to stations of 500MW to 600MW in size, or for typical commercial size generating plant.

The latest commercial designs prepared by the construction companies, under contract from the authority, acting for the Department of Energy, had improved significantly on the original engineering arrangements, Sir John said.

However, the largest part of the authority's research and development expenditure was on the fast reactor, which would succeed current designs. Expenditure last year was £31.9m out of a total of £58m.

Sir John appealed for a site to be chosen soon for the first 1,300MW fast reactor station to work as a commercial system.

Even if Britain proceeded as rapidly as possible, the first commercial fast reactor could hardly be on power before 1983 and later ordering of several reactors could not start before 1985.

A report from the Comptroller and Auditor General attached to the authority's annual report said £400m had been spent since 1951 on research development of fast reactors. Estimated costs of the small experimental reactor at Dounreay and the larger prototype 250MW about to produce electricity had been exceeded.

National Front candidate in election charged

Keith Squires, National Front parliamentary candidate for Wood Green, was charged yesterday at Wood Green police station with causing actual bodily harm and criminal damage arising out of an incident at the election count last Thursday night.

Mr Squires, aged 36, a scrap metal merchant, has been bailed to appear at Tottenham magistrates' Court on Friday.

At the count Mr Squires apparently tried to lead the crowd in singing the National Anthem and Labour supporters began to counter-sing "Deutschland über Alles".



Charlie Chaplin, aged 85, still brings a smile to the faces of his audience at a Swiss circus in Vevey. His wife, Oona, is seated on his right.

Grandfather takes place of kidnap girl

Antwerp, Belgium, Oct 15.—A kidnapper tonight released the six-year-old daughter of a diamond merchant he had been holding hostage and left her father's villa with the child's grandfather.

The child's father is reported to have offered to give the man who entered the house in order to rob it, an unspecified quantity of diamonds in exchange for the girl's freedom. The grandfather offered to replace the child as hostage and left the house by car with the man.

Police sources said the man was arrested by Belgian Flying Squad officers over the frontier in Dutch territory. Several shots were fired before the man was arrested.—Reuter.

Israel burial for anti-Nazi hero

Frankfurt, Oct 15.—Herr Oskar Schindler, a German Roman Catholic who saved more that 1,200 Jews from Nazi gas chambers in the Second World War, is to be buried in Jerusalem according to his last wish.

Soldier accused of attempting to kill commander

A soldier, aged 25, appeared at Pewsey Magistrates' Court, Wiltshire, yesterday, accused of the attempted murder of Lt-Col Tony Pinder, his regimental commanding officer.

Lance-Corporal James Harkin, of 22 Regiment, Royal Engineers, Mooltan Barracks, Tidworth, was remanded in custody until Friday.

Strict security measures were in force at the court, held in the offices of Kennet District Council. Police officers searched everyone entering the court.

Horses' tails stolen

Night patrols have been started at private stables at Aldridge, Staffordshire, to catch vandals who have cut off the tails of five horses.

Report lists perils lurking for babies on the bottle

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Most babies born in Britain are bottle-fed either immediately or very soon after birth but it would be better if they were breast-fed for at least a fortnight and preferably for four to six months, a Department of Health working party reported yesterday.

Advantages of breast-feeding mentioned in the report include a lower risk of microbial contamination occurring in the preparation and giving of bottle feeds, benefit to the baby from antibodies passed on from the mother's milk, such as protection against the poliomyelitis virus, and less of a hazard from allergens present in cows' milk feeds, at the particularly vulnerable period of an infant's life.

The younger the baby the more likely is some deficiency in immunological defence mechanisms. Some chronic allergic illnesses may derive from exposure to allergens in cows' milk and other foods.

Another factor, the report said, was obesity. Most doctors and health visitors thought that there are too many fat babies and young children. Studies had shown that infants fed artificially gained weight faster.

The report recognizes the importance of artificial feeding and that most babies thrive on it. But it deprecates the advertisement or promotion of infant milks in any way that suggests that a substitute milk is the equivalent of or better than breast milk. As many as possible of the factors that militated against breast-feeding should be removed, the report says.

It suggests that the period of maternity allowance should be adjustable (18 weeks, starting at the eleventh week before the week in which the baby is due) so that on medical advice mothers who so wish could qualify for a longer period after the birth than at present.

Reconstituted artificial milk feed should approximate to breast milk as nearly as is practicable; early introduction of cereals or other semi-solid foods before the age of four months should be strongly discouraged and cereals should not be added to bottle feeds.

Neither sugar nor salt should be added to solid foods in an infant's diet, and manufacturers of infant food products should be cautious of adding them.

(*Present-day Practice in Infant Feeding*. Stationery Office, 45p.)

Alcohol warning: Hundreds of doctors in north-east England have been asked to keep count of the number of alcoholics who come to them in the next five weeks (a Staff Reporter writes).

It is part of a £100,000 campaign by the Health Education Council to cut down drinking, which starts in Durham today. Advertisements against drinking will be broadcast on television and radio, and hostels and treatment centres for alcoholics will be set up.

Italian currency to beat forgers

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Oct 15

New 500 lire notes will be introduced next year in an effort to discourage widespread forgery.

According to estimates in the press here, as many as 20 million notes of this denomination now in circulation may have been forged.

The 500 lire note is regarded as attractive to forgers because it is comparatively easy to copy convincingly and is of sufficiently low face value (the equivalent of 30 pence) for few people to bother to study it closely before accepting it. The note is issued by the Treasury.

Spanish Army support for reforms

Madrid, Oct 15.—The head of the Spanish Army indicated today that the armed forces would support political liberalization when Prince Juan Carlos succeeds General Franco.

In a speech, at Saragossa, Lieutenant-General Francisco Coloma Gallegos, the Army Minister, said the armed forces were "more united than ever". He added: "And they (the armed forces) are prepared to widen that which the laws have restrained and this is the reason for their existence."

The general, a veteran of North African service, made his unusual remarks in his second public speech within a week. Political sources were divided on the meaning of his words, but it appeared to many that he was pledging non-intervention by the armed forces to Prince Juan Carlos if he wished to bring about legal changes after succeeding as King.

His remarks also were seen as an assurance to the country that there was no movement of young officers within the armed forces to start a revolution such as that which overthrew the Portuguese right-wing regime last April.

Last week General Coloma said: "Our armed forces are not political and don't make politics in the strictest sense." Today, with the prince at his side, he told a crowd: "Spain knows that the armed forces today with the Caudillo and tomorrow with the King, bases all its interest and preparation in defending the permanent and coessential with the existence of the fatherland."

The fact that an Army officer closely aligned with the Franco regime during all his career spoke out publicly also was viewed as a reflection of the unprecedented political activity in Spain in recent weeks.—AP.

Forgotten French citizens go on hunger strike

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Oct 15

Eight Harkis Muslims who served in the French Army during the Algerian war and opted for French nationality when Algeria became independent 12 years ago, are on hunger strike in the crypt of the Church of the Madeleine, in the heart of Paris.

Since the hunger strike began 40 days ago two men have had to be taken to hospital, but those remaining have been joined by a newcomer in their protest against the failure of the authorities to treat them as "fully-fledged French citizens".

They lie on mattresses on the floor, pale and emaciated, huddled under blankets, feverishly chain-smoking cigarettes. At the entrance to the crypt, notices in French, English, German and Spanish explain the reasons for the hunger strike.

Representatives of different political parties and patriotic or ex-servicemen's associations have come to demonstrate their support. Last Saturday about a thousand persons, French and North Africans, carrying tricolour flags, staged a silent march from the Madeleine to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where M Muhammad Laradji, the president of the Federation of French Muslims, laid a wreath of red roses, with a riband bearing the inscription: "To the Muslim soldiers who died for France."

The Harkis and their families number about 250,000 people. They fled from Algeria in 1962 to escape death at the hands of the National Liberation Front, which regards them as traitors and renegades.

Many of the men fought during the Second World War for the liberation of France, M Laradji emphasized at a press conference the other day, in front of a tricolour flag to which many medals were pinned. Successive governments were glad to get their votes, offered them promises in return, but practically washed their hands of their problems.

French public opinion, happy to have got rid of the burden of Algeria and influenced by racialist and anti-Algerian feelings, ignored their fate. Only a handful of French officers and ex-servicemen's associations have campaigned for their rights as Frenchmen and ex-servicemen.

M Laradji said: "We want the highest French authorities who appealed for our votes like those of our European repatriate comrades in the last presidential elections, and in each parliamentary election, to obtain from President Boumediène free access to Algeria [from which they are banned]. We also want our families to be allowed to join us. We do not ask for charity but we want a real professional retraining, and the reexamination of our pensions and retirement claims."

The Harkis and their families, often parked in deserted villages or in camps, or living in cheap hotels, are on the edge of French society, to which they are not regarded as belonging. They are helpless in pressing their claims through the maze of French administration and are tired of being treated as second class citizens. They have resorted to the desperate weapon of the hunger strike.

16 Croatians face conspiracy trial

Belgrade, Oct 15.—A group of 16 Croatian nationalists face trial early next month on charges of conspiring to achieve the secession of Croatia from Yugoslavia.—UPI.

Three tourists die as coach crashes

Salerno, Oct 15.—Two women and a man were killed when a coach touring religious centres crashed near here today, Italian police stated.—Reuter.

Court told woman said bomb was badly placed

The M62 coach bomb trial was yesterday told of a conversation in which Judith Ward admitted drawing a sketch map of Aldershot barracks, in which seven people were killed and 18 injured during a bomb explosion.

Det Chief Insp Edwin Smith, of the Hampshire police, told Wakefield Crown court that on April 9 he interviewed Miss Ward at Dewsbury police station.

He said that Miss Ward agreed that she had prepared the sketch plan, but told him that she did not know why they wanted the plan. He asked her for the names of the two men to whom she had supplied the sketch and she replied "Quikley and McNally".

Asked whether she would have drawn the plan if she had known what was going to happen, Mrs Ward allegedly replied: "No, I would not. They messed it up anyway. I would not put the bomb there."

Miss Ward, of Middlesex Road, Birmington, Stockport, has pleaded not guilty to murdering 12 people who died as a result of the explosion in an army coach on the M62 in Yorkshire last February. She has also denied causing an explosion at Euston Station, London, in September, 1973.

Mr Smith said he asked Miss Ward about Michael McVerry. She said he was her boy friend until he was shot. Asked if he was shot by soldiers, she replied—"Yes, he was firing at them at the time."

When Mr Smith asked if she decided to get back at those responsible, Miss Ward did not reply.

The trial was adjourned until today.

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The committee's recommendations to the Secretary of State for the Environment will be made towards the end of 1975, so it will not be concerned with decisions affecting rates this year (1974-5) or next (1975-6).

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WEST EUROPE

Portuguese president leaves today on historic visit to US

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, Oct 15.

Today has been a busy one in Portuguese political circles. The Cabinet met this morning to analyse the economic and political problems. This afternoon the Council of State met to appreciate and give its consent to the visit of President Costa Gomes to the United States. He is due to leave tomorrow.

The Cabinet also had on its agenda the consideration and approval of the nominations by the Army and Air Force of four officers to replace outgoing members of the Junta of National Salvation, including General Spinola, the former President. It also will see the investiture of its new member, Professor Teixeiro Ribeiro, the rector of Coimbra University.

President Costa Gomes's programme in the United States as now been announced. He will be the first Portuguese President to address the General Assembly of the United Nations, and the first to visit Washington to confer with his American counterpart.

The meeting will take place at President Ford's invitation. During his three-day visit, General Costa Gomes also will have a working lunch with Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State. The Portuguese leader will be accompanied on his trip by Dr Mario Soares, his Foreign Minister, and Senhor Vitor Constancio, the Secretary of State for Economic Planning.

The Bank of Portugal has intervened to control the recently constituted Banco Intercontinental Portugues because of the latter's financial difficulties. An official report published here today states that the takeover entails the suspension of five of the bank's directors, including Senhor Jorge de Brito, its founder, and their replacement by two Government administrators.

The BIP, as it is familiarly known, was founded in March, 1972, through an amalgamation of the Augustine Reis banking house of Lsbon and Sousa Cruz of Oporto. The Finance Minister of the day authorized the transaction.

One of the new Government administrators, Dr José Pires Lourenço, told the Lisbon newspaper Diario de Noticias that the bank was facing serious problems of liquidity and intervention was inevitable. He stated that the bank would continue to operat normally.

Last Saturday the Government Bulletin published a decree covering state interventions in the case of any banking organization showing imbalance, and offering provision for financial support.

Britain backs Canadian move for EEC links

From Roger Berthoud
Luxembourg, Oct 15

Britain today gave full support at the EEC Council of Ministers to Canada's request for a formal agreement with the EEC. Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, will be visiting Brussels on October 23 and 24.

The council today approved a statement expressing its will to strengthen links with Canada in a way to be negotiated by the two parties. Britain's desire for "contractual" links to be mentioned was overruled by the French.

French hostility to the emergency oil sharing scheme provisionally agreed by the 12-nation energy consumers group (ECG) came out into the open when the ministers inconclusively discussed its compatibility with an EEC energy policy.

France has boycotted the group, to which its eight EEC partners, the United States, Canada, Japan and Norway, belong since it was set up by the Washington energy conference in February. But the other seven continue to hope France will join if the scheme is implemented under the wing of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

Speaking for Britain, Mr Roy Hattersley, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, insisted that there was no incompatibility between Community energy policy and the ECG. If there were to be a meaningful and constructful dialogue with the oil producers, there must be an agreement on a common policy among consumers in a wider framework than the EEC. He saw no problem in parliamentary ratification despite the loss of sovereignty involved and a complex formula of majority voting.

But Mr Hattersley had no difficulty in endorsing the broad targets for the Community defined by M Jean Sauvagnargues, the French Foreign Minister. These were: solidarity among consumer countries worst hit by price rises; restrictions on consumption, preferably harmonized; and discussions on prices with the producers. Prices were the real problem now, so oil sharing schemes had been overtaken by events. He added that other areas dealt with by the ECG, like alternative energy sources and research and development, were essentially Community business.

Vicomte Davignon, the Belgian chairman of the ECG, commented bitterly afterwards on France's readiness to hobnob with the Americans on energy and monetary problems along with the Germans, British and Japanese—but not within the 12. If the Nine were not present as a whole within the ECG, France was solely to blame.

The ministers agreed that a positive reply should be sent to the recent letter from the Secretary-General of Comecon, Mr Nikolai Fedayev, inviting Mr Ortoli, the President of the European Commission, to Moscow for a first contact. There are fears, however, that the Soviet dominated economic planning organization may preempt the right of east European countries to negotiate separately with the EEC.

The ministers advised that Commission officials should precede Mr Ortoli to Moscow to prepare his visit. They also cleared away their main differences of opinion on a draft outline for trade agreements between east European countries and the Community. These will gradually replace bilateral agreements with member states.

OVERSEAS

Four leading Ministers go in Kenya election

Nairobi, Oct 15.—Four Cabinet ministers, including Dr Njoroge Mungai, the Foreign Minister, and nine assistant ministers lost their seats in Kenya's general election.

With about three-quarters of the vote counted today, it appeared that at least half the members of the old Parliament would not be returned, following the pattern set in 1969 when two thirds of the House was defeated.

Since Kenya is a one-party state, the results of the election—the second since independence 18 years ago—mean a change of personalities rather than of policy direction.

The country, under President Kenyatta, is expected to continue on its basically pro-Western, free enterprise course.

Dr Mungai, aged 49, beaten by the United States-educated Dr Johnstone Muthiora, was the most senior government member to lose. But the defeat of Mr William Odongo Omamo, Minister for Natural Resources, might be a bigger political blow for the Government.

Mr Omamo, a successful and popular minister, suffered from the backlash in his Bondo constituency in Western Kenya against the banning of Mr Oginga Odinga, the former Vice-President.

Dr Mungai's fall from favour had been predicted because of constituency complaints that he was not doing enough for the area, despite his success as Foreign Minister and speculation at one time that he might aspire to succeed President Kenyatta.

The other defeated ministers were Mr Juxon Shako, Minister for Tourism and Wildlife, and Mr Eluid Ngala Mwendwa, the Minister of Labour.

Dr Philip Leakey, the son of the late Dr Louis Leakey, the anthropologist, failed to become the first White Kenyan to be elected to Parliament but came second in the poll out of nine candidates in suburban Langata.

Two government critics, Mr J. Kariuki and Mr Marie John Seroney, both subjected to harassment during the campaign, retained their seats.

Four women were elected, including Mrs Grace Onyango.

Voting at Balagawau in the Garissa district, near Kenya's border with Somalia, was non-existent.

All the voters—local nomadic tribesmen—had moved off before polling day in search of better pasture and not one vote was cast.—Reuter.

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Mr Gordon Liddy leaves court in Washington after his release from jail.

Further questions raised for Mr Rockefeller

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Oct 15

Mr Nelson Rockefeller today faced questioning on yet another issue in what is turning into an obstacle race for congressional confirmation as Vice-President.

It concerns two rulings by Mr Nixon when President in favour of Eastern Airlines. Mr Rockefeller's brother, Laurence, is the airline's principal shareholder.

In reporting the new questions, *The New York Times* notes that all sources it contacted stated there was no evidence of any connexion between the rulings and large Rockefeller family contributions to Mr Nixon's reelection campaign. However, it stated that the House judiciary committee planned to raise the matter in its hearings.

The questions concern Eastern's acquisition of a Caribbean feeder operator. The Civil Aeronautics Board twice refused permission for the acquisition but Mr Nixon, citing "foreign policy", twice overruled the board, as was his prerogative.

Mr Rockefeller today responded in testy fashion to reporters' inquiries outside his New York office. Without actually complaining, he described the investigation into his affairs as without parallel.

He is not accurate since Mr Ford, as the first nominated Vice-President, underwent similar intrusion and scrutiny.

Israel denounces UN's invitation to guerrillas

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Oct 15

Israel today angrily denounced the United Nations invitation to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to take part in next month's Palestine debate as illegal and damaging to peace efforts. The United Nations decision, although expected, has caused deep gloom here.

The American vote against the invitation to the PLO provided the only ray of light for Israelis, who are incensed over the votes in favour cast by France and Italy and regard the abstentions by Britain and other European countries as cowardly fence-sitting. The evening newspaper *Maariv* says the United Nations has "given the green light to political assassins everywhere".

A Foreign Ministry statement made clear that the vote was not binding on Israel and said it showed the prejudice of the current membership of the General Assembly. The PLO, the statement said, was not a liberation movement but "a roof organization for terrorist groups". The vote, which struck at the roots of Israel's existence, could sabotage peace efforts.

The action of France and Italy was shocking, as both had suffered terrorist activities on their soil.

Mrs Golda Meir, the former Prime Minister, said the United Nations was bringing in people who had originated the killing of innocent air passengers as "a prize for their ingenuity".

The row over illegal Jewish settlement in the west bank is threatening to cause a rift in the Israel Labour Party leadership. Mr Moshe Dayan's signing of the opposition petition calling for the retention of all of the west bank by Israel is being seen as a challenge to the authority of the Prime Minister, Mr Rabin, who has expressed willingness to make limited territorial concessions in peace negotiations.

Peter Strafford writes from New York: Representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization in New York have reacted jubilantly to yesterday's vote at the United Nations inviting them to take part in next month's debate on Palestine.

"This will make it a little harder for other parties to exclude us from decision-making on the Middle East," Dr Nabil Shaath, the leader of the PLO delegation, told a press conference last night. He added that there was "quite a probability," that Mr Arafat would come to New York for the debate.

Rabat, Oct 15.—The United States and Algeria are prepared to resume diplomatic relations after a seven-year break caused by the 1967 Middle East war, American officials said today.

Dr Henry Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, wound up his seven-day tour of Arab states and Israel with a four-hour visit here for talks with King Hassan of Morocco. But the restoration of American-Algerian relations is not expected until after a crucial Arab summit meeting in Morocco on October 26, which could make or break Dr Kissinger's plans for the next stage in a Middle East peace settlement.

In Moscow it was announced that Mr Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, will go to Cairo for a summit meeting with President Sadat of Egypt next January.—Reuter.

Mr Ford wins the battle over Turkish military aid

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Oct 15

The House of Representatives today failed to overturn President Ford's veto of legislation prohibiting military aid to Turkey. The vote was 223-135—17 short of the two-thirds voting majority required to overturn it and a slender but vital victory for President Ford in this first showdown with Congress of his young Presidency.

Since a veto needs to be sustained in only one house of Congress the Senate vote is now irrelevant. However, the result of the parliamentary saga means fresh legislation is required to fund critical Government departments such as Health, Education and Welfare, Agriculture and Labour.

The ban on aid to Turkey—as protest over its part in the Cyprus débacle—had been attached to a resolution continuing this and other funds which had expired on September 30. The veto now sustained kills that legislation—and a disgruntled Congress, itching to be off electioneering, must now pass a new funding measure before recessing—or else the departments, in theory, grind to a halt.

With this respite—for some congressmen still talk of again attaching the Turkey rider to the new legislation—President Ford can set off electioneering in the Midwest on his own later today.

Joint plan urged for Concorde's successor

From Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
San Francisco, Oct 15

Leaders of the world aerospace industry predicted that financial and technological demands of future large aircraft projects would force countries to cooperate on their development at a conference which opened today.

Mr Dan Haughton, chairman of Lockheed said: "New and very large programmes, like a second generation supersonic transport will require a collaborative effort, and I would like to see the United States and Britain and France and others team up on this one.

"Other countries are no longer content with small and simple subcontracting jobs. They want a bigger piece of the pie. And they do not want just a piece of the pie, they want to learn the recipe, they want help in setting up the oven, and they want to wear a chef's hat.

"There seems to be a growing feeling that America ought to hoard technology the way we hoard gold, in some sort of technological Fort Knox. What we seem to be afraid of is raising up future competitors that will beat us with our own technology. This is a false fear. You do not compete with current technology, you compete with new technology. The secret of our success had been technical progress, not technical insularity."

Sir Kenneth Keith, chairman of Rolls-Royce, told the conference, which is organized by the *Financial Times*, that the cost of developing an advanced new engine was now so high that it was unlikely that any new engine would ever again be launched except on a collaborative basis.

It had been reasoned that if the European air transport industry could be coordinated, with routes and frequencies properly rationalized, then the equipment requirements for the airlines of Europe could be standardized and a large captive market created, big enough to provide a safe market for European commercial aircraft and engine manufacturers.

"Although I am a keen European and see the Common Market as being essential to the economic and political stability of Europe, I am convinced that such thinking is quite unrealistic and in the long term would prove disastrous for aircraft and engine companies of Europe."

Sir Kenneth said any large new civil project must be aimed first and foremost at meeting the requirements of the United States market.

Satellite makes perfect launch off Kenya coast

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Oct 15

After what was described by scientists as "a perfect launch" Britain's latest satellite—UK 5—went into orbit 500 kilometres above the earth today right on time at 10.47 am Kenya time.

The launch was from a converted oil rig off the coast of Kenya, about 20 miles north of the tourist resort of Malindi. As it went into orbit the satellite, designed specifically to conduct a series of experiments on X-rays, changed its name to Ariel 5. The launch vehicle was an American Scout rocket.

Russians 'not angry' at grain contract failure

Moscow, Oct 15.—Mr William Simon, United States Secretary of the Treasury, said today that Soviet leaders showed no anger over President Ford's decision to block $500m (£211m) worth of grain shipments to the Soviet Union.

"They were not upset nor did they show any antagonism on the subject whatsoever", he said at a press conference.

Mr Simon said he held "very lengthy" talks on the subject with Mr Nikolai Patolichev, the Soviet Minister of Foreign Trade.—UPI.

Japan's ill-fated nuclear ship makes it to home port

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Oct 15

After drifting in the Pacific Ocean for 45 days, the ill-fated Mutsu, the once-proud prototype version of Japan's future nuclear-powered merchant fleet, was allowed to limp back into her home port on auxiliary diesel engines today and was immediately put in mothballs.

The 8,000-ton shop, Japan's first nuclear-powered research vessel, which was plagued by a radioactive leak soon after it set out on its first test run in late August, had been prevented from returning to its home port on the northern tip of Honshu island for seven weeks because local fishermen believed the vessel would contaminate coastal waters.

Today the fishing industry, which had thrown a blockade of small boats around the entrance of the vessel's base port in Ominato, agreed to allow the Mutsu to return under rigid conditions. The Government, which has failed to find an alternative port which will accept the ship, bowed down to the demands of the fishing industry last night as yet another complement of the vessel's crew threatened to desert.

Under the terms of the agreement the Government has been forced to deactivate and seal off the ship's reactor; place the vessel in mothballs; name an alternative port within six months; move the ship out of the area within 30 months and guarantee that no fuel rods are removed while the ship remains at berth in Ominato port.

At its wits end, the Government also agreed to pay £1,700,000 to the local fishing industry as compensation. Of that, £440,000 will be deposited as a buffer fund to assist fishermen if rumours of contamination bring down the price of fish. The Government also bowed down and agreed to build the port a sports centre at a cost of £145,000.

The ironic tale of the Mutsu, which was designed to become the world's fourth nuclear-powered merchant vessel—after the icebreaker the Lenin, the passenger cargo ship, the Savannah, and the ore carrier, the Otto Hahn, began when she was launched in Tokyo in 1969 and handed over to Japan's Nuclear Ship Development Agency.

Fitted with her nuclear reactor the research ship was completed at a total cost of nearly £20m (including the cost of the construction of a special port in Ominato Bay in Aomori prefecture. She was ready to make her test run two years ago, but the local fishing industry, aware that Japanese consumers harbour hypersensitive fears over radioactivity, protested.

For two years a flotilla of small fishing boats was thrown round the entrance of the port to prevent the Mutsu from sailing our. After several abortive attempts, she sneaked out at midnight in late August this year when a typhoon forced small fishing vessels to abandon their vigil.

The ship's reactor was fired on August 29 and then hastily deactivated a day later when radioactivity was detected above the fuel rods.

The fishing indusury, one of the most powerful political lobbies in Japan, went beserk. Fishermen threatened to drop thousands of sandbags to block the channels of main ports in northern Japan while residents right round the coast refused to accept the Mutsu.

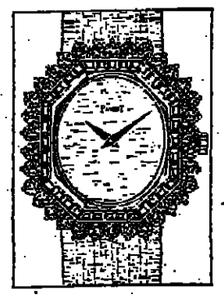
The Mutsu, which has never moved under nuclear power, drifted aimlessly in the western Pacific for 45 days while the Government entered into protracted negotiations with the fishing industry. As fuel for its auxiliary diesel engine and food began to run out earlier this month the All Japan Seamen's Union ordered 41 members of the crew to desert.

The miserable saga of the Mutsu ended in further ignominy tonight when the master of the vessel, Captain Inazo Ara, threatened to resign in disgust and then the Federation of Japanese Seamen asked the director-general of Japan's Science and Technology agency, Mr Kinji Moriyama, to resign.

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OVERSEAS

Chinese leaders sure that third world war is unavoidable

From David Bonavia
Peking, Oct 15

China believes that Western Europe and the Third World need not suffer unduly from the recent rise in oil prices if they hold consultations with the producing nations. At the same time, the Chinese leadership is convinced that a world war, starting in Europe, cannot be avoided in the next generation.

Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, a Deputy Prime Minister, is reported to have expressed these views to a visiting group of West German parliamentarians. His statement represented a harder line than that taken in the recent address to the United Nations General Assembly by Mr Chiao Kuan-hua, the Deputy Foreign Minister, who said that war might be avoided if the peoples rose in revolution first.

Mr Teng's thinking seems to be in line with Chinese pronouncements of the past year, to the effect that the Soviet Union's military strength is being massed against Europe in the first instance and the apparent threat to China is a feint to distract attention from Moscow's true aims.

Mr Teng is reported to have said that China had several times been led to expect a Soviet attack, but it had not materialized and Peking believed that Europe would be the real target.

The Deputy Prime Minister's apparent underestimation of the effects of the oil crisis on Europe's defence preparedness, and on the economies of the underdeveloped countries, seems to be an attempt to reconcile China's somewhat conflicting sympathies. On the one hand, it seeks to be seen as a moral leader of the Third World. But on the other, it is a strong supporter of a united Western Europe dependent for the time being on American protection against Russia.

China's opposition to the "two superpowers" has led it strongly to back the action of the oil producing nations in raising prices. If this weakens the West and further impoverishes the poor countries, the Chinese may feel the result will just be an earlier start to the Third World War which Mr Teng described as inevitable.

At a banquet for the visitors last night, Marshal Hsu Hsiang-chien, a prominent figure in the Chinese leadership, said the German people as a whole were not to blame for Hitlerism. He added:

"Those who vainly attempt to dominate the world frequently brand the German people with an unwarranted label. Their aim is to seek pretexts to extend their presence from the Elbe to the Rhine."

Peking, Oct 15.—China marked the opening of the thirty-sixth Canton International trade fair today by emphasizing the importance of economic independence and decrying reliance on imports.

An article in the authoritative *People's Daily* reiterated the theme that China must basically apply policies of economic self-reliance and not blindly buy foreign technology. However, the article added that China was not about to revert to closed-door policies.—Reuter.



Stabbing: A white pupil is removed from Hyde Park High School, Boston yesterday.

Seven hurt in Boston school clash

Boston, Oct 15.—Governor Francis Sargent mobilized the Masschusetts National Guard today, when violence marred the twenty-third day of a court order "to integrate the city's public schools, and asked President Ford for federal troops "to insure the public safety".

Fights broke out between blacks and whites at a school in the city's Hyde Park district. At least seven pupils were injured, including a 15-year-old white boy stabbed in the stomach.

The Governor told a press conference the guardsmen "are now en route to key armouries in and around the city of Boston".

Mr Sargent said they would remain in the armouries but said: "If federal troops are denied or delayed and if the safety of the public requires, I will not hesitate to order the National Guard into the streets of Boston."

At the White House, Mr Ron Nessen, the press secretary, said Mr Ford's position against use of federal force remains unchanged. "He believes law enforcement is a local and state responsibility . . . Federal troops should not be sent in until local and state resources have been exhausted."

Prince gives Australia his views on monarchy

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Oct 15

The Prince of Wales today defended the system of democratic government in an address to the New South Wales Legislative Council on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. He said that the special brand of parliamentary democracy enjoyed in Australia and Britain had an extraordinary capacity for improvisation, evolution and change.

The Prince read a message of congratulation from the Queen to the Parliament, which was Australia's first, and then said: "Despite cries that our system is on the point of collapse, it is rare to hear of anyone who has been able to suggest a sensible or realistic alternative suitable to our type of heritage.

"The truth is, of course, that the system is on the whole basically sound. The very fact that the monarchy is involved in the lives of a substantial number of different peoples all over the globe means that it must in effect try to be all things to all men all of the time.

"To achieve this kind of adaptation takes time, tact, patience, sensitivity and good taste on all sides, and a measure of mutual understanding." Throughout his address, the Prince of Wales illustrated his arguments with historical references to King John and the Magna Carta, Cromwell and King Charles I.

He drew laughter when he observed: "I should remind you that in company with convicts, lunatics and peers of the realm, I am ineligible to vote."

Giant telescope begins to scan southern skies

By Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

The largest optical telescope built in the southern hemisphere, the Anglo-Australian project costing £10m, was unveiled today at Siding Spring Observatory, New South Wales. It was inaugurated by the Prince of Wales on his tour of Australia.

A statement from Sir Fred Hoyle and Dr E. J. Wampler, who have worked as chairman and director respectively of the special Anglo-Australian Telescope Board, outlines the importance attached by astronomers to siting observatories south of the Equator. Many experts predict that many of the important discoveries to come from ground-based telescopes should result from observing the southern skies.

The statement says: "Telescopes of this size and precision strain the capabilities of modern technology and can only be justified by Man's unceasing questioning of his place in the universe."

The 3.9 metre instrument will open exploration of portions of the southern skies that are invisible to observatories in the north. The important central region of our galaxy of stars passes directly over the site near Coonabarabran.

The telescope is the first large instrument to use a new material called Cervit for its mirrors that should remain unaltered by expected changes in temperature. Made of this special glass-ceramic material, the primary mirror, which weighs 16 tons, is believed to have been ground and polished to an accuracy beyond that of any other large astronomical mirror.

Greek Foreign Minister quits to fight election

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Oct 15

Mr George Mavros, the Greek Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, resigned today to assume the leadership of the Centre Union-New Forces grouping in the campaign for the November 17 general elections.

His withdrawal from the caretaker Cabinet formed by Mr Karamanlis last week had been expected. Mr Mavros, who became Foreign Minister in July, after the end of the military *dictatorship, had agreed to carry* on at his post when it was expected that Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, would visit Ankara on October 11 in an attempt to break the deadlock over Cyprus.

In a statement after his resignation Mr Mavros did not even hint at hopes for a breakthrough in the crisis. He said: "Greece has today the total support of international opinion. This is a decisive factor in the final settlement of the Cyprus issue." It was, he felt, a substantial achievement in view of the "state of complete international isolation" in which Greece found itself after the Cyprus coup.

Mr Mavros's liberal Centre Union, which won the last elections over a decade ago, will be one of the main challengers to Mr Karamanlis

British hint at UN that Rhodesian constitutional talks may come soon

From Peter Strafford
New York, Oct 15

Mr Ivor Richard, the British permanent representative, told a United Nations committee today that a constitutional conference on Rhodesia might well come sooner than had been expected. Africa had not stood still over the past year, and recent events in southern Africa had "contributed powerfully to Rhodesia's growing political and economic isolation".

Mr Richard Conceded that *the majority of the Europeans* in Rhodesia did not yet recognize the isolation of their position and "the extent of the concessions that they will have to make". But the effects of isolation were likely to increase than diminish with the passage of time, and pressure should be maintained against Mr Ian Smith and his regime.

Mr Richard's remarks were made in a policy statement on Rhodesia to the General Assembly Committee dealing with colonial questions. It was the first such statement made by the Labour Government, and it was an attempt to seize the initiative in this autumn's discussions, rather than leave it to the Africans.

Mr Richard gave a detailed analysis of recent developments in Rhodesia, and of the strengths and weaknesses of the Smith regime. He made a new appeal to members of the United Nations actually to observe the sanctions that had been agreed on, saying that stricter enforcement of existing sanctions was more important than the establishment of new ones.

As regards British policy, he emphasized more than once that Britain would not accept any settlement which was not supported by the African majority in Rhodesia. He repeated the denial made in July by Mr James Callaghan, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, that Britain was having clandestine talks with the Smith regime.

The British Government, Mr Richard said, "wants a just and enduring settlement on Rhodesia. We will not accept any solution that the African majority does not support. We consider that this African majority itself must play a major part in negotiating the terms of a settlement, but we remain ready to assist as and when we can".

Mr Richard said that Mr Smith's proposal of a round-table conference on the constitution, made last June, did not meet British requirements. But he added that any conference summoned by Britain would have to include "those who—albeit illegally—control the administration in Rhodesia".

Our Salisbury Correspondent writes: Eight more guerrillas have been killed by Rhodesian security forces, seven of them in air supported ground fighting. A defence headquarters spokesman in Salisbury said that seven were killed yesterday and the other man died after an engagement with security forces on October 8. No security forces personnel were hurt.

The total number of guerrillas killed since December, 1972, when the current campaign started is now 430. During the same period 49 members of the security forces have died, as have 134 civilians, most of them blacks.

The President of the African National Council (ANC), Bishop Abel Muzorewa, said today he had been cheated into signing a document with Mr Smith agreeing to the 1971 settlement proposals.

In September a document bearing the signature of Mr Smith and the bishop was published in the *Rhodesia Herald* under a statement which said both men had agreed to implement the 1971 proposals. But *the bishop claims his copy of* the document carries an amendment which says that the 1971 proposals were "a basis for discussion". So far, he had not allowed his copy of the document to be seen or photographed by the paper.

Mr Whitlam scorns election talk

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Oct 15

Mr Gough Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, said in Canberra today that the *Labour Government did not* want another election before 1977. He said hints by Mr Snedden, leader of the Federal Opposition, that there might be an election in May next year was simply wishful thinking.

The Government would not be seeking yet another election because it had a positive and constructive three-year programme to carry out. It did not want another double dissolution but if the Senate next year again refused supply to the Government, it would have to take the consequences of such irresponsible action.

Mr *Whitlam* condemned Opposition efforts to try to convey to the public the idea that another election was just around the corner. The Government was too intent on trying to carry out its programmes for the betterment of the economy and the people to spend time worrying about Opposition attempts to create an atmosphere of negative, nagging despair and gloom.

Mr Clyde Cameron, the Minister for Labour and Immigration, commented that his party would win the next election no matter when it was held. He added that what had just happened in Britain, where the Conservatives had failed to produce acceptable alternatives to Mr Wilson's Government, would be repeated in Australia.

"I believe that when the electors see Gough Whitlam and Billy Snedden side by side, and when they see what Labour has achieved and the reforms it has carried out despite the obstructionist Senate, then there is no doubt about the result of a national poll whenever it is held."

Mr R. J. Hawke, president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, expressed the opinion that Labour would win an election for two reasons. "We have Gough Whitlam, who is a much better leader than Bill Snedden, and I am also better than anyone they have got.

"I admit that if we were to go to an election tomorrow I don't think we would win, but that is not the name of the game. We don't have to go to an election tomorrow. We cannot be challenged on supply until next May at the earliest, and by that time we will be back in public favour."

When asked at his press conference if he considered himself indispensable to the Australian Labour Party and the only person competent to lead a Labour government, Mr Whitlam replied: "No. I believe there is a wealth of talent in the ALP in this Parliament, but I believe also that I have the greatest amount of talent at the present time.

"Quite apart from what I might think about this, it is unquestionably the view of my colleagues, and I may add that is not a matter on which I feel disposed to differ from them."

Turning to the incorporation of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in the Soviet Union, Mr Whitlam said it would be a cruel deception for Australia to pledge support for the independence of the three Baltic states. Many people in Prague and Budapest had taken action previously in the vain hope that they would receive help.

India-Pakistan telephone link restored

From Our Correspondent
Delhi, Oct 15

After more than three years telephones began working today between India and Pakistan. All telecommunication links were severed when the countries went to war in December, 1971. According to an agreement which the officials of the two countries reached in Rawalpindi last month the postal system has also been restored from today.

Until today official letters only were exchanged through the Swiss Embassy. India has also invited Pakistan to send a delegation to Delhi for talks on airspace, which has been restricted since March 1971.

Bus driver stabs his impatient passengers

Lichtenburg, South Africa, Oct 15.—A bus driver, taunted by impatient passengers who said he was asleep, jumped from his seat and stabbed 11 people, killing one of them.—Reuter.

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PARLIAMENT, Oct. 15, 1974

Effort to cut rate of price increases needed from Britain

uropean Parliament, rasbourg

A motion was approved that mber states, such as Britain, h a comparatively high rate of lation and negative balance of yments should concentrate their nomic efforts on slowing down ce rises and correcting their ance of payments in order to to establish conditions for r Community action.

he motion, from the Economic Monetary Affairs Committee put to Parliament in reply to Commission's annual report on Community's economy.

he motion also considered that rts to combat the alarming rise ices and efforts to prevent a ous economic recession should he priority of the Community's rent economic policy. Coun- s with a relatively moderate of inflation and a stable or lus balance of payments uld follow a policy of "careful selective expansion".

he motion deplored that most mber states had not reduced the ease in money supply and ressed that there had not been a factory approximation of mber states' economic policies.

endorsed the scheme to set up hinery for issuing Community s on the international capital kets, on the understanding that granting of the economic cy conditions laid down by the munity and requested that any munity monetary support mea- es to assist members in deficit uld be within the framework of munity procedures.

he committee called for super- n of operation on Euro-Cur- y market to ensure greater iness of capital movements and ocated the gradual harmoniz- n of provisions relating to capi- movements to and from third tries and the elimination of acles to the free movement of tal within the Community.

tish policy

e commission's report for the ed Kingdom concluded that omic policy must continue to directed essentially at limit- he growth of domestic demand consumer expenditure in order hieve a substantial and lasting ction in the balance of pay- s deficit by curbing imports transferring resources into rts. It was important that co- ation of both sides of industry ld be obtained to limit the ase in prices and money in- s. Substantial progress in the against inflation was necess- to preserve a high level of oyment in the longer term.

JEAN-ERIC BOUSCH ace, DEP), rapporteur for the omic and Monetary Affairs mittee, said that in the rate of ion and in balance of pay- s deficits only Germany was ging better than most bers. Any measures of monet- upport to member states run- a current deficit should be within the framework of munity procedures. Bilateral ments were generally unac- ble although it was recog- that sometimes the Com- y had to accept them, subject tain conditions.

RR ERWIN LANGE (Ger- Soc Dem), on behalf of the ist group, said those member who were to be assisted must epared to accept certain con- s and bilateral measures be embedded in Community ures.

NORBERT HOUGARDY ium, L) on behalf of the al group, said a high rate of ion was a direct attack on cracy and the Community was ger of paying dearly for past kes. The Community institu- were best placed to deal with urrent problem. They had to a dialogue again on economic nometary union and to shape munity industrial policy on a ional level.

BRANDON RHYS-WIL- S (UK, Kensington and Chel- Kensington, C) on behalf of onservative group, said this a long-term problem which from social changes and the hat their political and indus- orces were out of balance. A relationship was needed in s and between nations.

balance of payments prob- as becoming more dangerous e time, but for the oil prob- balance of payments deficits be manageable, within a iable period of time but the uation was creating the accu- on of funds which could not sorbed into current trade. ollective surpluses of the oil cing countries would not be cantly reduced by methods netary contraction alone in il-consuming countries, nor by energy economising ds, nor by a resort to direct t restrictions.

Community faced the danger sing on the oil deficit from ountry to another if they took national measures. was a beggar-my-neighbour ich which could hurt the whole Community. The Community wanted a high rate of exchange of goods and service on an inter-community basis while striving to reduce the deficit with oil-exporting countries. In this context they should regret the demise of the European Payments Union.

Not enough would come from the IMF and what would come would not be soon enough. The Community had therefore a responsibility to act on its own behalf, they had no time left for debate or conflict among themselves, they must act and think quickly.

M PIERRE-BERNARD COUSTE (France, DEP), on behalf of the Progressive Democrats, said that although the Community was facing serious problems, it was not facing a crisis. There had been progress in economic cooperation and the United States had recognized the international responsibilities of the Community, but fresh action was needed to put the seal on European cooperation.

Each country must accept monetary restrictions, investors lacked confidence and they could modify that attitude if the Community's different economic policies could prove that sound Community machinery existed.

They should preserve the Community's image as a coherent and powerful entity, capable not merely of satisfying basic human needs but also improving standards of living. An all-out battle was needed to overcome the present difficulties for the benefit of the Community and the restoration of its own self-confidence.

SIGNOR SILVIO LEONARDI (Italy, Comm) on behalf of the Communist and Allies group, warned that intra-Community differences one day might become so acute that they would allow one member state to impose its will on the others. They needed a policy of economies with the aid of Community guarantees. Any solution must be of a Community nature and could not be achieved simply by interchanging national policies.

LORD O'HAGAN (UK, Ind) doubted whether the resolution would command much interest outside Parliament because the council was too inclined to look at the past instead of to the future.

Inflation, he said, was draining the member states' authority and was now threatening the level of employment. He hoped that quicker progress might be made at Community level since no individual country could now solve its difficulties alone.

HERR HERMAN SCHWORER (Germany, Christian Dem) said positive solutions were possible, and cited the case of a recent agreement between employers and trade unions in France guaranteeing a year's pay to employees laid off for economic reasons.

SIGNOR MICHELE CIFARELLI (Italy, Soc) hoped that with these problems facing it, Europe might be induced to abandon its egoistic views and prevent a breakdown of the Community. Free Europe was open to all, but individuals could not be allowed to behave like monkeys.

Epoch ends

MR WILLIAM HAFERKAMP, vice president of the commission, said the crisis was not due solely to the increase in oil prices. They were seeing the end of an epoch. A new distribution of wealth and of sources of energy. Raw materials had been squandered at an unacceptable level.

There was no point in working out timetables if Community policy was not in the end related to global strategy. Before the oil crisis a number of countries had been having difficulties with their balance of payments. Now considerable sacrifices would be required from everyone and they must be shared.

Thanking the United States for its contribution to the fight against inflation, he said, America had kept the Community informed of its intentions and had revealed its objective of a balanced growth.

Any member state within the Community which received aid should then exercise great self-control under the guidance of the Community institutions. Claiming that the commission had often acted decisively, he criticised the council for lack of decisions.

It was more important than ever that all the forces in society should share in the efforts to bring inflation down to a reasonable level and ensure the necessary conditions for continuing growth by a coordinated energy, raw material, and commercial policy. It was also important that the urgent need for shoulder-to-shoulder help and co-operation should be conveyed to the national parliaments.

The motion was agreed, together with an amendment appealing to member states to avoid taking any action which might jeopardise the free movement of goods and workers in the community or obstruct trade with third countries.

How determined community action brought results in a developer's desert

The plot of land in the adjoining picture, within a stone's throw of Euston Station, does not look like the site of a famous victory, but in a small way it is.

For years it was just a piece of derelict land no larger than a tennis court, a home for rubbish and parked cars. Now it is a garden, with seats, flowers and a lawn at one end, and a children's playground at the other.

It lies in "Tollmers Village", an area of largely blighted land where about 700 people of many races live between the huge Euston Centre office towers to the west and Euston Station to the east. This is the area in which the same interests who developed the Euston Centre, the Stock Conversion Group, have been buying up property for years with a view to a second massive development—now likely to be frustrated by residents and Camden Council.

It is the only public recreation space in an area that has been made a desert by developers, and it is there as a result of determined and fruitful action by the residents through their local community group, the Tollmers Village Association, which succeeded, not without difficulty, in persuading the owners of the site, who have a small factory adjoining, that a garden would be better than a dump.

The owners, not unnaturally from their point of view since they wanted to develop the site, at first strongly resisted attempts by the residents to do anything with it at all. They refused permission for a bonfire last autumn and a playspace in the spring, despite support by the council and the residents' offer to meet all costs, including insurance. However, comprehensive plans for the area meant that development delays could be interminable, and the residents decided on direct action.

One day in April they moved in in force, clearing away and burning rubbish, and levelling and tidying the site. They put a notice on it saying, "This site has been taken over by the people of Tollmers Village for a garden".

They explained: "We are fed up with a system which allows absent landlords and owners of property to do what they like with their property regardless of the local community. This site has been vacant for years in an area where there is nowhere for kids to play, nowhere for old people to sit, no trees, no gardens, and nowhere for community events."

Presented with a *fait accompli* (and no doubt resigning themselves to the inevitable), the owners relented, and not only let the site to the association for £1 a year (thus preventing the establishment of squatter's rights) but also gave £25 towards a garden.

Other gifts followed. A local businessman gave benches, people gave paint and plants. The council gave topsoil, turf, and gardening tools. One large firm with an office in the neighbourhood gave £1,000.

The garden has flourished. Local teenagers made a wooden fort for the younger ones, who in turn helped to make the garden. They even take their shoes off on the little lawn, which looks fresh and green. About 50 attended regular playgroups there this summer.

It is a notable victory but a tiny one. There remains nowhere for games for older children, though a perfect site



Tollmers garden—
vacant for years where
there was
nowhere for children to play

stands near by. This is Tollmers Square itself, the space bounded by two crescents of Victorian housing, occupied until last summer by a cinema. It is owned by Stock Conversion.

It was by all accounts a delightful cinema, one of the "cheapest in the United Kingdom" at 25p a seat and well patronized by local students and pensioners.

Stock Conversion closed it in 1972 and last year, despite a residents' petition, bulldozed it down. Since then the land has stood idle, protected by barbed wire from attempts to use or enjoy it. Questioned about the barbed wire, Stock Conversion say that to allow this flat piece of cleared land to be used "might create safety problems".

Stock Conversion collected rents of over £5m last year. Net revenue after tax £1.289m.

Michael Baily

The Mallorys and Medleys against the Famous Five

"It'll never get well if you pick it", they say, and I don't want to prolong the general irritation over Enid Blyton and her critics with yet another scratchy contribution. Nevertheless, my last article, prompted by Barbara Stoney's recent biography, called forth some anguished letters, whose standard arguments for the defence, based on "popularity", at least helped to isolate a crucial point of difference between supporters and opponents. The quarrel is less about Miss Blyton's books than about the place of reading in a child's life.

A public account of the case for "The Famous Five" appeared in an article in *New Society* on September 19. Here, M. S. Woods, a senior educational psychologist, outlined the details of a survey which he undertook among schoolteachers, the majority of whom are found "to accept Enid Blyton's books quite cheerfully". Filled with confidence by such backing, Mr Woods proceeded to advance what is essentially a *social* justification for the books in question. Encouraging children to read via Enid Blyton can be seen as part of the fashionable "child centred" approach to education, where you begin at the point of the child's own interests.

Promoting Enid Blyton among children is likewise forwarding "entertainment" rather than "improvement" and acknowledging our present acceptance of "the phenomena of mass appeal". ("It is not necessary for something to be deep or permanent for it to have merit.") Most of all, Mr Woods is pleased with his survey because it gives evidence of how much more relaxed our literary standards are and how willingly today we let the child go his own way without forcing our opinions upon him.

Now I bow to none in my desire that children should enjoy their childhood to the utmost, and I have long agreed that playing with plasticine is more interesting than learning Greek (which was fashionable education for primary school children a few hundred years ago); but I do question how far Mr Woods has concerned himself with the *nature* of the child's enjoyment of literature. Is the pleasure derived from *Noddy and the Tootles* of exactly the same character as that derived from *The Tale of Pigling Bland*? If so will it remain the same for each book after 10 consecutive readings? And will these two stories leave exactly the same impression on the child in his recollections of the experience of reading?

Mr Woods is a senior educational psychologist and he will probably know the answer to these questions (if he doesn't he may well undertake a survey among teachers to find out), but my own, entirely subjective, opinion is that the pleasure which a child takes in books at any one time is highly variable, and that it is the critic's job to point a way towards those which offer the possibility of the most intense enjoyment. To Mr Woods (who says that literary pundits are baddies) this will doubtless smack of a disguised wish to "improve"—and indeed, if deepening a child's enjoyment or extending his knowledge is "improvement" then plenty of people may be glad to plead guilty.

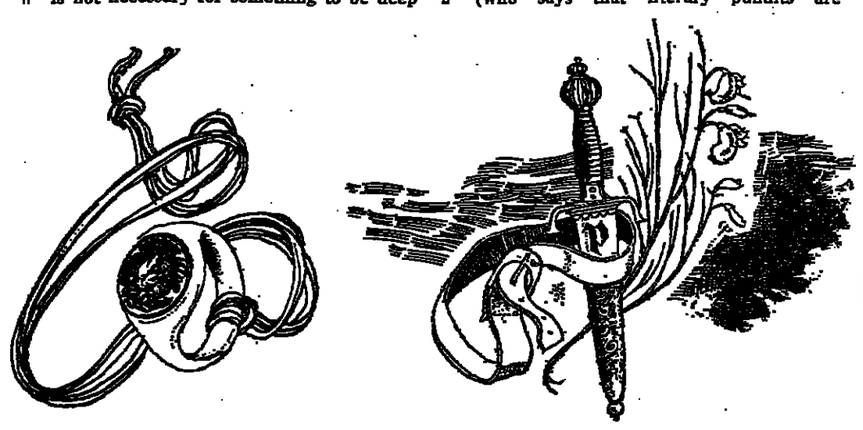
The real trouble with my argument is, of course, that intensity of enjoyment may have to be correlated with effort. To get a lot out, you may have to put a lot in. ("Mummy, why does Beatrix Potter say that Alexander Pig is 'hopelessly volatile'?") This regrettable truth can be very aptly illustrated for defenders of "The Famous Five" by the publication last month of *Harrow and Harvest* (Kestrel, £1.95)—the last of a group of five books by Barbara Willard chronicling the affairs of a family in Sussex during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries (another Sussex historian to stand beside Rudyard Kipling and Rosemary Sutcliff?).

It is not impossible to believe that the first book of the group, a romantic tale called *The Lark and the Laurel*, might be read by some of the pre-adolescents who are mentioned in Mr Woods's article, and, in mechanical terms, it is possible to see such readers taking pleasure in the "series"—returning volume by volume to a known territory. But what matters here is not clocking up the mileage (which is adduced as a major argument for the Blyton series) but being drawn into Barbara Willard's highly individual portrayal of Mantlemass, her place, and "the Mallorys and Medleys", her people. Reading through the books from first to last—which is the only advisable way—the reader secures not the pleasure of an adventure story unreeling itself predictably, but an altogether sharper sense of the human vulnerability and courage that underlie all adventure. For despite the often touching romanticism of the first two books, Miss Willard goes on to take her readers into some of the grimmer trackways of her chosen period, and in *Harrow and Harvest* she chooses to conclude with an optimism so tempered by a sense of violent change that a series which began on the edge of costume drama takes on the ambiguities and half-lights of historic truth.

"The Mantlemass Novels" may not be absolute masterpieces. They will certainly not be read with unreflecting ease. But the child who does read them will carry away an enjoyment that has to do with humane letters and not with temporary relaxation among "the phenomena of mass appeal".

The Mantlemass Novels are, in order: *The Lark and the Laurel*; *The Sprig of Broom*; *A Cold Wind Blowing*; *The Iron Lily*; and *Harrow and Harvest*. They are all published by Kestrel Books and paperback editions are gradually appearing from Puffin Books.

Brian Alderson



"Two recurrent symbols from Barbara Willard's family chronicle: The family ring and the dagger of Richard Plantagenet."

A human touch in solving the telephone answering problem

How to get the telephone answered pleasantly and intelligently during their absence is a problem for people like me who work freelance or run other kinds of business from home.

The professional answering services available in some large cities are generally very expensive. Machines, too, are costly, many callers hate and refuse to use them, and their value is further limited by their inability to deliver a personal message to a specific individual.

My solution to this problem was to ring the welfare people at my local town hall and ask if they could name a housebound person who had a telephone and would be willing to take my messages on an ad hoc basis. The result was an introduction to Eva who is mentally alert but crippled with arthritis and lives alone.

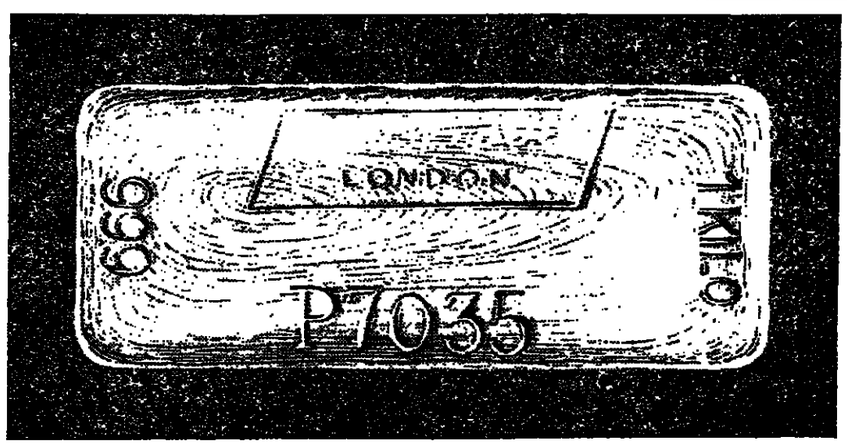
The mechanics of our system are simple. Before going out, I contact the Post Office subscriber transfer service (which operates throughout the country), give my number and ask to have incoming calls referred to Eva until further notice. As calls come in, the transfer operator intercepts and gives the caller Eva's number.

Normally, no prior warning to Eva is necessary as our arrangement is a standing one. If, however, I shall be away for more than a day or want a message delivered to some particular caller, I ring her first. On my return home, I ask the transfer operator to restore my phone to normal service and ring Eva for my messages.

Both of us benefit from this arrangement. I have that almost unheard-of luxury, a completely personal service, at a price I can afford. Eva, whose opportunities for employment are very limited, has a not too demanding job that gives her more contact with the outside world than she would otherwise have. I pay her personally in cash each month. During these visits (which, in other circumstances, I might be too lazy to make) we have a cup of tea and a chat and I bring some small luxury such as a bunch of flowers or a bag of sweets.

Like any other arrangement, ours is not entirely foolproof. Occasionally Eva cannot answer her phone; once in a while the transfer operator misses a call (incidentally, the Post Office is now carrying out a pilot experiment with automatic transfer which, if successful, may be generally available towards the end of next year). A few callers seem unable to understand the system and think my number has been permanently changed. Nevertheless, it works a good deal better than either of the alternatives.

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owledging that raw als would become increas- n short supply the economic onetary affairs committee, in ion, urged a greater effort ce wastage. Recycling waste should therefore, together e use of other raw materials, en the same importance as ation.

Committee wanted the com- n to put forward proposals establishment of a special research fund for the paper and forestry sectors, together with regular forecasts of future consumption, investment and production in the industry.

Parliament agreed that any necessary aid for structural reform should be in the form of loans, not subsidies, and member states in the meantime should not introduce national aid.

Call for extradition of war criminal

Parliament approved an emergency motion calling on the Government of Paraguay to extradite to France the Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie.

Members heard that he was sentenced to death in 1952 in France, in his absence, for crimes he committed while he was head of the Gestapo in Lyons. He was said to have admitted condemning thousands of Frenchmen to death. He had been seen in Peru, Bolivia and was now in Paraguay.

iss radar

ich, Oct 15.—Austria has ed an anti-missile radar nce system from the Swiss Contraves here, company ils said.

mobile system, named ard, is designed for use weather conditions, and fective against missiles at very low altitudes.— r.

Cash card fraud

Tours, Oct 15.—An electronics engineer fraudulently obtained 60,000 francs (£5,450) from automatic money machines in four French cities, police said here.

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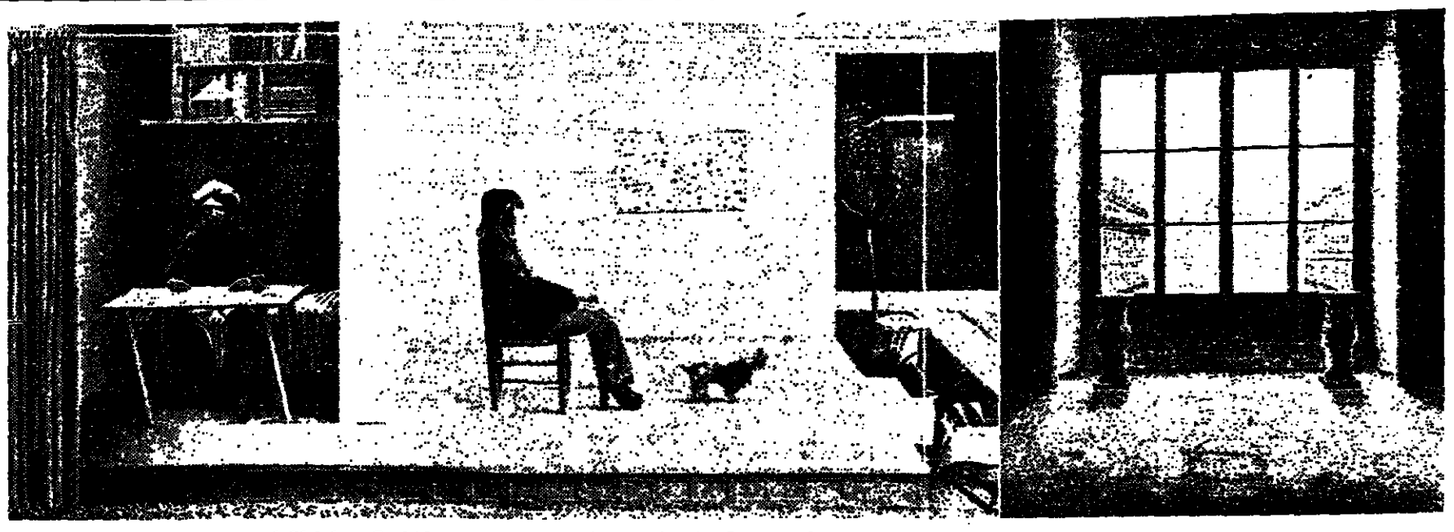
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'Gregory Masurovsky and Shirley Goldfarb' and 'Two Vases in the Louvre'

Confrontation at the Louvre

David Hockney
Musée des Arts Décoratifs

Michael Ratcliffe

French exhibition catalogues, when they are not groaning under the self-imposed disciplines of Structuralism, are inclined to rejoice in the austerity of their documentation. "*Les personnages*", visitors to David Hockney's first solo Parish show can read of the showering homosexual couple in *Domestic Scene, Los Angeles* (1963), "*sont inspirés du journal* Physique Pictorial". How deadpan, how faintly incredulous, is the sound of that confrontation between the artist and a new public. "*Hockney*", we see a little later, "*est un grand amateur des villes d'eau*". Gallic eyebrows rise.

For confrontation it is, and one that seems to have been planned, with an almost deliberate irony, to take place at the very heart of French civilization itself. The Musée des Arts Décoratifs is no less than Napoleon's contribution to the ensemble of the Louvre: on the *one side, it faces the Rue de* Rivoli, on the other the parterres leading to the Tuileries Gardens. On to this setting of historic urbanity the works of David Hockney have been placed with some care. The show is two-thirds retrospective, one-third the early results of Hockney's decision to live in Paris himself.

Twenty-two paintings fill the long and divided gallery of the Rivoli side; the two interior rooms house the 75 drawings; eight of the most recent paintings occupy the last room. Some of these stare out across the parterres at the Pavilion de Flore, whence Hockney painted one of the most important new works in the show, *Contrejour in the French style,* earlier this year. It shows a bay window, in a stippled proscenium frame, with bright sunshine illuminating a blind half-lowered above a view of the parterre and, of course, the Musée des Arts Décoratifs.

Anyone who enjoyed the Whitechapel show in 1970 will delight in seeing the big canvases of the late Sixties and early Seventies *Rocky Mountains and Tired Indians, Sunbather, Christopher Isherwood and Don Bachardy, Mr and Mrs Clark and Percy*—in the formal French setting of the Rivoli corridor, particularly if they see them at a time—say, Saturday lunch-hour—when few others would think of doing so. Hockney has always been inspired by the humorous incongruity of context, by such devices of presentation as frames, curtains, glass, water and pictures within pictures. To stand in a clear space, with the sleeping nude of *The room, Tarzana* (1967) to one's left, the arrested sensations of *A bigger splash* (1968) to one's right, with the parquet floor underfoot ending in four high windows and beyond them four stone arches of the Rivoli arcade, the eye finally resting on the scrawled announcements of *Bar Mona Lisa* and the *Tentation du mandarain* boutique, is to feel for a moment the astonishing effect of actually standing inside a painting by David Hockney.

Like the *Contrejour, Two vases in the Louvre* (1974) is virtually devoid of figures (unless you count the vases) and revives rather the classic Impressionist problems of colour, space and light. In an interview Hockney remarks that the Impressionists were not only more revolutionary artists than the painters of the Salon, but that they actually painted prettier pictures. In both of these new works he shows strong evidence of responsiveness to masterpieces of the Jeu de Paume, particularly to the pale, hot afternoon light of Monet and the *pointilliste* textures of Seurat. He has not abandoned figure-painting: *Gregory Masurovsky and Shirley Goldfarb* (1974), the double-portrait of a smiling writer and a very angry lady, not to mention their crisp little dog, is one of the funniest he has done.

Hockney picked the paintings for the show himself. Alan Bowness chose the drawings and has stressed neither the early *graffiti* style nor the consummate draughtsmanship of the line-drawings—though both are represented. He has settled instead for the coloured crayon sketches and portraits, of which Hockney has done a good number since the Whitechapel show. The exuberance and economy with which he has taken the child's scribbling toy and transformed it—particularly in the portraits of Mark Lancaster, Mo McDermott, Peter Schlesinger, and Ossie Clark and above all, Celia Birtwell (here shown in a gorgeous sequence of 12)—make these in some ways the crowning, sophisticated glory of the Paris show.

Few official exhibitions—this one carries the British Council's queen blessing and runs until December 9—can have evinced such a combination of gaiety and discipline. It provides a dazzling survey of Hockney's tal

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Racing

Some remember Allez France's defeat and are not deterred

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The decision to run Allez France in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday has certainly not deterred others from taking pot luck. Perhaps many of those with entries in the race were mindful of the fact that the great filly was beaten in the race a year ago. In all, 18 stood their ground at yesterday's four day forfeit stage, two more than the number who went to the start last year.

With acceptors from France, Ireland, Italy and Germany, in addition to the 10 trained in this country, we are guaranteed a truly international flavour. Jean Cruguet, who rode Hurry Harriet when she shocked the racing world by beating Allez France 12 months ago, will be on El Toro this time. El Toro has won at Longchamp and Maisons-Laffitte this season and he is to be one of four challengers from France. The others are Contraband, who finished third in their 2,000 Guineas carrying the colours of Sir Christopher Soames, a former ambassador in Paris, Wittgenstein, who recently won La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte, and of course, Allez France.

Mannsfeld and Shamsan will make the long journey from Italy for the race, and Star Appeal and Conor Pass are coming from Germany and Ireland respectively. Star Appeal was trained in Ireland by John Oxx last year when he finished third in the Irish St Leger, which was won by Conor Pass. He moved to Germany at the end of the season and has won at Baden Baden. Coup de Feu, Gloss, Ksar, Relay Race, Averof, Giacometti, Habat, Imperial Prince, Pitcairu, and Northern Gem are the English acceptors. Habat is also engaged in the Prix de la Forêt, which is due to be run at Longchamp eight days later. The distance of the French race is only seven furlongs, which looks more in keeping with Habat's pedigree and past performances. In the circumstances it will not be surprising if he misses the Champion Stakes.

On seeing how the race had taken shape, Ladbrokes slightly adjusted their ante-post book, which now reads: 4-5 Allez France; 7-1 Giacomerti and Pitcairn; 10-1 Imperial Prince; 16-1 Coup de Feu, Ksar and Mannsfeld; and 25-1 others. There were 29 acceptors for the SKF Cesarewitch, which is also due to be run at Newmarket on Saturday. None of the best backed horses ante-post have dropped by the wayside so we still find Night in Town heading the price list at 9-2. Seven the Quadrant and Girandole come next at 6-1 and 7-1 respectively, followed by Reine Beau at 10-1.

Patrick Eddery and Lester Piggott will both be riding at Haydock Park this afternoon, but neither seem to have as good a ride as Joe Mercer, who will be there principally to ride Mons Madness and Mantinea for Dick Hern. Mercer has also been engaged to ride Dominant and Daring Boy by Arthur Budgett and these two also have good prospects.

The most valuable race is the Butterfly Stakes, which is confined to three-year-old sprinters that before September 22 had not won a race worth £1,500 this year. Blessed Rock, Celestial Dawn and Daring Boy are all eligible and it promises to be a keen race between them. Blessed Rock has run some good races this season, notably at Royal Ascot, where he was beaten only half a length by Saritamer in the Cork and Orrery Stakes and again at Leicester, where he kept Turnkey at full stretch in the Barleythorpe Stud Stakes. Celestial Dawn, who boasts the distinction of having beaten Highclere and Polygamy as a two-year-old, has recaptured her zest this autumn. At Longchamp on Arc day, her strong finish earned her fourth prize in the Prix de l'Abbaye. She had previously run well at Ayr.

Daring Boy, one of the best two-year-olds in training last year, has twice carried huge weights successfully this season and each time he has been ridden by Mercer. Daring Boy also ran well at Goodwood when he was beaten a length by that vastly improved sprinter, Princely Son. But none of these has a clear-cut chance this afternoon. I just favour Daring Boy, whose travelling companion from Whatcombe, Dominant, certainly has the ability to beat a bunch of disappointing fillies in the Brimstone Plate.

Mon Madness, one of those due to be sold at Newmarket at the end of this month, runs what could be his last race for his owner, Lady Durham, in the Ringlet Handicap. This promises to be something of a replay of a race run over this course and distance in July. Kunpuu won it by beating Mons Madness. It is difficult to know what the outcome would have been if only Mons Madness had worn blinkers as he usually does. They were not declared that day in error. Since then he has won twice, each time by making all the running. On a line through Cove, who was beaten by Mons Madness at Ripon, but who subsequently beat Kunpuu at Doncaster, it is possible to make out a case suggesting that, at his best, Mons Madness is only 3lb behind Kunpuu. Today the gap is 4lb.

Further down the handicap it is difficult to overlook the claims of Two and a Quarter, who was thought by many to have been unlucky in his last race at Newcastle. He had won his previous race at Ayr. With only 7st 11lb to carry, Two and a Quarter could be the main source of anxiety to Mercer and Mons Madness as the race comes to the boil. Two and a Quarter will be ridden by Ernie Johnson, who is entitled to fancy his chances on Great Charter in the Peacock Handicap Stakes. It was only in the last 10 yards that Great Charter was caught and passed by Merry Cricketer at Newmarket a fortnight ago.

The Northiam Nursery looks as though it will be the hardest race to win at Folkestone. Strictly private, a winner at Windsor and Chester, is my selection. Humming Top, who beat the recent Warwick winner, Timocrate, so decisively at Lingfield, ought to be capable of giving her young rider a winning ride in the Brede Apprentices' Handicap.

STATE OF GOING (official): Haydock Park: soft. Folkestone: soft. Wetherby: good. Newmarket (tomorrow): good. Haydock Park (tomorrow): soft. Hexham (tomorrow): good on stands side, good to soft far side: Taunton (tomorrow): soft.

Brian Fletcher, who injured a leg in a fall on Monday, plans to rest until the weekend when he will resume partnership with Red Rum in the £3,000 Charisma at Record Handicap Steeplechase at Kempton Park. At the four-day stage 11 horses were declared for the 3¼-mile steeplechase—Red Rum, Spanish Steps, Royal Toss, Fort Lodge, Fighting Chance, Maniphe, Rough House, Avondhu, Esban, Boom Docker and Fours Up.

National Hunt plans for three winners

Jumping plans have been made for at least three of the nine winners at Warwick yesterday—Our Friend, one of two favourites to succeed, French Pin, who gained a runaway success in the amateur riders' event, and Kutuzov, the thirty-seventh winner of a best season for the Lambourn trainer, Paul Cole. Rain and mist descended halfway through the programme. The visibility was so bad by the time of Kutuzov's race, Division Two of the Queen Bess Maiden Plate, that it was impossible to distinguish the colours until the final turn. Kutuzov, who held on from Chantal and Om Shree, to provide the London owner, Michael Pooley, with his first win, jumps superbly, Cole said. He will be seen again in the Hedgehoppers Hurdle at Newbury's mixed meeting at the end of next week.

Our Friend, completing a double for Willie Carson, who also won a division of the "Seller" on Guy Harwood's Storm House, came away from the top weight, High Call, in the straight, to capture the Ann Hathaway Handicap by four lengths, having already won two hurdle races this jumping season. Next objective for Our Friend will be the £1,500 Merit Hurdle at Nottingham midway through next month, trainer Cyril Mitchell's son, Philip, said. Our Friend is by Be Friendly, who has now sired 19 individual winners of 33 races, in two seasons. The chestnut is the first progeny of Be Friendly to run over jumps.

Gordon Richards sent French Pin from his Penrith stables to be partnered by his 18-year-old son, Nick, in the Corinthian Amateur Riders Maiden Stakes, and the combination, going to the front about half a mile out, drew right away to win uncha llenged from Hulagu and Go Perrys. It was Nick Richards's third winner from six rides this season. He has been advised not to ride again over jumps — in which he has had a lot of success — because another fall might cause severe damage to his right arm. But French Pin, who has jumped well in schools, makes his first hurdling appearance at Perth on October 26.

Tony Murray had two winners, taking Division One of the Market Square Maiden Plate on the 12—1 chance Mary Mullen, and Division One of the Queen Bess Maiden Plate on the 5—2 favourite, Abstract, who beat Ron Hutchinson's mount, Carlevaris, by one and a half lengths. It was the Australian's turn in Division Two of the Market Square Maiden Plate, in which he rode Falsetto to victory over the favourite, Mary Culter.

Confusion reigned for over an hour at Newton Abbot yesterday when Len Lungo, last on Lord Atika in the fifth race, the Coffinswell Steeplechase for novices, objected to all seven horses that finished in front of him. He claimed they had all gone inside instead of outside some dolls turning towards the straight on the first circuit. Lungo's objection was quickly followed by one from Philip Blacker, second on Go Over to the winner, Spring Day.

The stewards deliberated for half-an-hour after the last race before deciding to overrule both objections and let the result stand. The senior steward, Dennis Ferens, said it was the only decision they could reach in view of "conflicting and unsatisfactory evidence". He added: "The jockeys evidence was very conflicting, and there was no substantiating outside evidence. We had no alternative."

Obviously the camera patrol was badly needed. Lungo, slowly away on Lord Atika, was confident he would get the prize when the whole field, with the exception of Tony Andrews on Butleigh Boy, appeared to go the wrong side of the dolls. And then Butleigh Boy fell removing what he considered his only danger. Lungo was quite content to lob round towards the rear, but he had an agonizing moment when Lord Atika fell at the last. But Lungo quickly remounted to complete the course.

Coignafearn records fifth win of season

Coignafearn gamely held off the late challenge of Kafka by one and a half lengths in the Hanging Stones Handicap at Redcar yesterday, to record his fifth win of the season on the flat. He has now had 18 races this season and will be out again at the sponsored Vernon's Haydock Park fixture next month.

Mrs Joy Brown, who greeted the winner for her husband, said: "We started off in National Hunt racing but we have too much regard for our horses to let them run over sticks. Coignafearn will definitely not be running over hurdles this winter. We could not bear our horse being injured." Coignafearn, who was bought up for 2,200 guineas, is trained at Hawick by Harry Bell.

The Newmarket trainer, Brian Lunness, rarely visits Redcar and has only had four runners at the course during his short training career. He saddled his first winner here when the 11-2 chance Ballyhardtack stormed home to a convincing win by two lengths from Philip Green in the Airy Hill Selling Plate.

Ray Waters, 21, anxiously looking for a job as his master Humphrey Cottrill retires at the end of the season, always had his mount close up and two furlongs out he urged Ballyhardtack into the lead.

Turry was soon out of the race. He unseated his rider Mark Birch as the stalls opened. Birch said: "My mount reared and left me in the stalls." Birch escaped injury. Canberra, who has been out of action for several months with leg trouble, bounced back to form to provide steward of the meeting, Lord Zetland, with a runaway winner by seven lengths in the Saltburn Plate.

Tommy Lappin was always going easily on this home bred son of Camisbay and took up the running two furlongs from home from March Hare, who was weakening. Captain Neville Crump said: "I expect Canberra will now go hurdling."

There was a good finish to the Ralph Cross Handicap when Gold Loom got up in the final stride to beat Miss Scotland by a neck.

Newton Abbot NH

2.15: 1. Mossy Factory (4-1); 2. Alcola (6-1); 3. Tom (13-8 fav). 7 ran. Dicopin did not run.

2.45: 1. Brother Pole (7-4 fav); 2. Blue Goblin (5-1); 3. Darcon (2-1). 6 ran.

3.15: 1. Always Happy (6-4 fav); 2. Flying Tudor (9-2); 3. Kilminian. 4 ran.

3.45: 1. Pine Lodge (10-11 fav); 2. Kalamata (33-1); 3. Kalamata (20-1). 6 ran.

4.15: 1. Spring Day (7-1 fav); 2. Go Over (7-2); 3. Hickory (33-1). 14 ran.

4.45: 1. Gone for a Burton (16-1); 2. Mr Moke (16-1); 3. Blonde Heath (7-1). 11 ran.

Tote double: Always Happy. Spring Day: £2.45. Treble: Brother Pole. Pine Lodge. Gone for a Burton. £63.30.

Boxing



Champion's comback. George Foreman yesterday boxed for the first time since his eye was cut a month ago.

Ali laughs as Foreman goes through his steps

N'sele, Zaire, Oct 15.—George Foreman, the world heavyweight champion, boxed for six cautious minutes today for the first time since the eye injury 29 days ago that caused the postponement of his title defence against Muhammad Ali. He sparred for two rounds against Henry Clark, the eighth-ranked world heavyweight contender, but there was no more indication of how the eye cut will hold in the ring than if he had gone on a five-mile training run.

Clark landed one punch to the head, a left jab that ran out of steam against the champion's headguard. The rest of his punches went towards Foreman's body, which looks leaner and harder now than it did in training for the original date, September 25. The contest takes place on October 30.

Foreman said that however tame the sparring looked, it accomplished something. "I wanted to know if I'd be protective of the eye," he said. "I wasn't. As soon as I started boxing I knew I was completely cured. Not just physical, but mental".

Clark admitted the pace was slow. "I was just trying to jog along, you know. Not trying to do him or nothing. Just working. He's in great shape and real mean."

Foreman would not acknowledge that the delay might have helped his physical condition. Not only did he seem to have got rid of some loose flesh at his waistline but he moved in the ring more easily. At one time he even threw a version of the Ali shuffle. He came out more like a Belgian ballet dancer—but there was some additional smoothness.

Ali watched the workout, pacing through a lattice-work fence surrounding the gymnasium. He guffawed when Foreman tried a dance step and said, "That man is in trouble".

Foreman noticed some of Ali's camp and shouted "stand by" and "applaud" at them when they left the ring. The champion said he would leave his boxing schedule to his manager, Angelo Dundee. "But I do like to get back into the ring. That's the best part of training. It makes the day go quicker".—AP.

Folkestone programme

1.50 SEDLESCOMBE STAKES (£296 : 6f)

1	400000	Cargen Prince (CD) (I. Walker). I. Walker, 3-9-5	G. Starkey	3
2	004000	Golden Maple (D) (G. Blum). G. Blum, 4-9-3	D. Perkin	7 10
3	000300	Banner (A. Kennedy). A. Breasley, 3-8-5	B. Rouse	4
4	00-0030	Desert Gold (S. Thorne). L. Godfard, 3-8-5	G. Starkey	6
5	0000	Spin-A-Ring (S. Shaer). B. Swift, 3-8-5	G. Dutfield	2
6		Siemic (S. Stevenson). S. Dalton, 3-8-5	B. Taylor	13
7	0-0402	Titanium (D. Prenn). J. Winter, 3-8-5	P. Waldron	1
8	000020	Topping (R. Richmond-Watson). G. Smyth, 3-8-5	G. Baxter	14
9		Town Ship (Mrs G. Davison). A. Davison, 3-8-5	A. Bond	5
10	0-00000	Astuc Ann (P. Cameron). A. Kerr, 3-8-2	P. Madden	10
11	00-0320	Aunt Augusta (J. Rennie). N. Callaghan, 3-8-2	A. Murray	9
12	403022	Familiar (Mrs D. Riley-Smith). R. Price, 3-8-2	A. Murray	8
13		Moving Target (J. Woodman). S. Woodman, 3-8-2	J. Matthias	5 14
14	0	Newlands Arrow (E. Savage). Miss Sinclair, 3-8-2	A. Lunchbury	3
15	004442	Sea Kestrel (Mrs C. Emmett). Mrs Lomax, 3-8-2	A. Lunchbury	5

5-2 Familiar, 7-2 Titanium, 5-1 Sea Kestrel, 8-1 Moyne Royal, Desert Gold, Aunt Augusta, 10-1 Bonroy, 12-1 Topping, 16-1 others.

2.20 HURST GREEN MAIDEN STAKES (£335 : 1m 7f 100yds)

1		Moyne Royal (E. Cook). A. Pitt, 3-8-5	G. Ramshaw	12
2		Hy Tudor (E. Lewis). A. Kerr, 4-9-0	J. Haynes	1
3	000322-	Banner (A. Kennedy). A. Breasley, 3-8-5	B. Rouse	4
4	000300	Desert Gold (S. Thorne). L. Godfard, 3-8-5	G. Starkey	6
5	00-0030	Spin-A-Ring (S. Shaer). B. Swift, 3-8-5	G. Dutfield	2
6	0000	Siemic (S. Stevenson). S. Dalton, 3-8-5	B. Taylor	13
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5-2 Familiar, 7-2 Titanium, 5-1 Sea Kestrel, 8-1 Moyne Royal, Desert Gold, Aunt Augusta, 10-1 Bonroy, 12-1 Topping, 16-1 others.

2.50 NORTHIAM HANDICAP (2-y-o : £536 : 5f)

1	3100	Desert Way (D) (R. Pritchard). B. Swift, 9-2	J. Wilson	2
2	001412	Strictly Private (D) (Mrs D. McNab). J. Winter, 9-1	B. Taylor	1
3	412	Le Vingt-Huit (S. Powell). J. Sutcliffe Jun, 8-8	B. Rouse	11
4	21300	Pallbearer (C. Campbell-Johnston). T. Waugh, 8-8	A. Murray	6
5	21441	Predatory (D) (M. Clark). H. Candy, 8-7	P. Waldron	4
6	0010	Faridina (D) (Miss H. Monteith). I. Walker, 8-7	C. Baxter	3
7	u43420	Yellow Prince (D) (A. Stevens). A. Stevens, 8-7	M. Simmonite	7
8	241404	Shackle (D) (D. Robinson). M. Jarvis, 7-13	J. Tarrier	10
9	012001	Some Treasure (D) (C. Scudder). A. Pitt, 7-13	D. McKay	8
10	02004	Glen Clunie (N. Henderson). Thomson Jones, 7-4	R. Middleton	7 12
11	000031	Royal Pat (D) (T. Nicholls). D. Jermy, 7-4	R. Ferguson	9
12	000300	High Seeker (B. Heath). D. Whelan, 7-0	C. Baxter	5

5-2 Le Vingt-Huit, 4-1 Strictly Private, 5-1 Predatory, 6-1 Pallbearer, 10-1 Shackle, Faridina, 12-1 Yellow Prince, Desert Way, 14-1 Some Treasure, 16-1 others.

3.20 BREDE APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£278 : 1¼m)

1	323023	Camdamus (Mrs M. Smallwood). A. Budgett, 3-8-7	B. Sanu	5
3	0-00101	Humming Top (D) (Duke of Norfolk). J. Dunlop, 3-8-6	R. Middleton	2
4	421430	Feather Top (D). Robinson, M. Jarvis, 3-8-5	M. Jarvis	4
5	0215	Sea Tycoon (D) (C. Mitchell). C. Mitchell, 3-7-13	D. Smythe	5
8	0-000	Go Friendly (P. O'Sullevan). C. Clayton, 3-7-11	P. Cain	9
10	00-01	General Mite (J. Clayton). J. Clayton, 3-7-11	A. Bond	1

6-4 Humming Top, 7-2 Feather Top, 5-2 Camdamus, 6-1 Sea Tycoon, 8-1 General Mite, 14-1 Go Friendly.

3.50 ROBERTSBRIDGE HANDICAP (£665 : 1¼m)

1	033014	Sisodan (CD) (Mrs I. Griggs). R. Jarvis, 7-9-8	M. Thomas	3
2	021000	Trustful (D) (Lady Sutton). Doug Smith, 5-8-11	T. McKeown	1
4	200014	King Midas (P. Payne). M. Boswell, 7-7-11	G. Dutfield	6
9	0000-	Milton Abbey (P. Payne). M. Boswell, 7-7-11	D. Darling	4
11	410001	Monsieur L'Avocat (D) (A. Walking). J. Winter, 5-7-7	M. Kettle	8
12	400043	Setra (D) (A. Neaves). A. Neaves, 6-7-7	F. O'Neill	7
13	000214	Embassy (D) (R. Moller). H. Wragg, 3-7-7	D. McKay	2
14	0-0441	Passing Shot (D) (A. Penfold). S. Woodman, 3-7-7	D. McKay	2

9-4 Sisodan, 7-2 King Midas, 9-2 Monsieur L'Avocat, 5-1 Trustful, 6-1 Embassy, 7-1 Passing Shot, 12-1 others.

4.20 ASHFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o : £433 : 5f)

1		Beach Guard (C. Furlong). Mrs Oughton, 9-0	—	1
2	0	Copper Castle (P. Simanis). M. Goswell, 9-0	P. Perkins	12
3	000	Jack Jiggs (B. Wise). B. Wise, 9-0	A. Murray	9
4		Kings Royale (H. Burchell). H. Price, 9-0	N. Simmonite	7
5		Radstone (C. Greenwood). A. Stevens, 9-0	B. Rouse	14
6	444300	The Space Kart (J. Cullen). J. Sutcliffe Jun, 9-0	J. Matthias	5 11
7	0	Swag (A. Penfold). J. Winter, 9-0	B. Taylor	13
8	02	Tie Break (D. Prenn). J. Winter, 9-0	A. Locke	7 5
9	00	Twenty One (Mrs L. Edwards). L. Walker, 9-0	T. Cains	5 18
10	00	Wendy (Mrs C. Coleridge). Miss Sinclair, 8-11	T. Cains	5 18
11	5	Ashdown Forest (Lady C. Coleridge). Miss Sinclair, 9-0	G. Baxter	11
12	00024	Boscobel (Lord Fairhaven). B. Hobbs, 8-11	B. Raymond	15
13	04300	Comfleur (C. Bothway). B. Hanbury, 8-11	G. Starkey	10
14	0000	Failing Gold (R. Dean). Thomson Jones, 8-11	A. Lunchbury	8
15	00024	Gold Show (F. Millard). P. Taylor, 8-11	T. Bridge	6
16	0000044	Lady Lear (S. Fox). S. Supple, 8-11	—	10
17	00	Liberation (J. Whitney). J. Tree, 8-11	G. Ramshaw	16
18		Lillima (R. Porter). S. Ingham, 8-11	P. Waldron	17
19	00000	Now Bush (Sir M. Sobell). A. Breasley, 8-11	P. Waldron	18
20	0000	Paradahlia (N. Pricer). H. Wragg, 8-11	J. Wilson	2
21	00000	Path of Fortune (Mrs M. Marshall). H. Price, 8-11	A. Bond	5
22	0000	Sonseashray (R. Collins). M. Mason, 8-11	P. Madden	9
23	00	Weaver's Star (J. Campbell). T. Gosling, 8-11	N. Thomas	17
24	0	Winfield Lass (S. Terry). R. Jarvis, 8-11	—	4
25	20600	Winfield Lass (S. Terry). R. Jarvis, 8-11	A. Gold	3

4-1 Boscobel, 5-1 Kings Royale, 6-1 Tie Break, Radstone, 8-1 Swag, Gold Show, 10-1 Pardahlia, Confleur, 12-1 Path of Fortune, 14-1 Winfield Lass, 16-1 others.

Haydock Park programme

2.15 BRIMSTONE MAIDEN PLATE (3-y-o fillies : £483 : 1¼m 131yds)

1	0-23032	Dominant (A. Budgett). A. Budgett, 8-11	J. Mercer	9
2	043204	Donnabimba (Mrs D. McCalmont). P. Walwyn, 8-11	P. Eddery	3
3	040303	Fifth Avenue (Y. Yamamoto). M. Stoute, 8-11	G. Lewis	12
4	340004	Future Chance (J. Hornung). G. Smyth, 8-11	E. Johnson	8
5	0030000	Garden Wall (R. Moller). H. Wragg, 8-11	J. Dunlop	11
6	0420	Lady of the Manor (Duke of Norfolk). J. Dunlop, 8-11	Ron Hutchinson	11
7			D. Cullen	6
8	000312	Modom (Mrs H. Edwards). W. Wighiman, 8-11	O. Gray	5
9	000002	Mrs Mandelstam (J. Scott). W. Marshall, 8-11	J. Seagrave	10
10	003000	Nelodor (Mrs R. Thorpe). W. Marshall, 8-11	R. Marshall	7
11	003002	Nelodor (Mrs R. Thorpe). R. Houghton, 8-11	—	7
12	343030	Royal Escapade (J. Rowles). R. Armstrong, 8-11	L. Piggott	5
13	000020	Samoa Tan (Mrs S. Willis). E. Reavey, 8-11	W. Carson	5
14	00-0	Sweet Pfeta (Mrs K. Flynn). R. Hannon, 8-11	C. Eccleston	8

5-1 Dominant, 4-1 Lady of the Manor, 9-2 Mrs Mandelstam, 6-1 Samoa Tan, 8-1 Nelodor, 12-1 Donnabimba, Fifth Avenue, 14-1 Future Chance, 16-1 Modom, 20-1 others.

2.45 COMMA HANDICAP (2-y-o : £828 : 5f)

1	13	Bold Picture (D) (R. Sangster). B. Hills, 9-2	L. Piggott	3
2	442231	St Severin (D) (W. Gooch). H. Westbrook, 8-4	P. Eddery	4
3	022102	Lazenby (D) (P. Long). M. W. Easterby, 8-2	F. Durr	10
4	022332	Court God (D) (D. Robinson). P. Davey, 8-1	W. Carson	11
5	0014	Upland (Ld Derby). R. van Cutsem, 7-11	C. Eccleston	9
6	04203	Burriana (W. West). E. Cousins, 7-8	E. Johnson	1
7	100	French Dressing (D) (G. Reed). S. Hall, 7-8	S. Hill	6
8	032042	Bien Etonne (G. van der Ploeg). R. Hannon, 7-7	S. Salmon	2
9	043430	The Opportunist (D) (A. Hall). Wharton, 7-6	C. Rodriguez	8
10	044102	Bosscat (D) (A. Villar). Miss S. Hall, 7-1	L. Parkes	5
11	2	Fair Saint (D) (C. Platts). Miss S. Hall, 7-1	G. Starkey	12

4-1 Bold Picture, 4-1 Bien Etonne, 6-1 Upland, 8-1 St Severin, Lazenby, 10-1 Bosscat, 12-1 Court God, French Dressing, 14-1 Burriana, 20-1 others.

3.15 RINGLET HANDICAP (£828 : 1m 40yds)

1	120000	Tudor Rhythm (Mrs D. McCalmont). P. Walwyn, 3-9-4	P. Eddery	12
2		Tudor Fox (A. Samuel). Doug Smith, 4-9-2	E. Hide	15
3	104420	Dawfish (C) (Mrs B. Jenks). E. Cousins, 3-8-13	F. Morby	11
4	001020	Kunpuu (CD) (J. Washbourn). R. Houghton, 5-8-13	J. Seagrave	14
5	033103	Marshall Ki (A. Snipe). M. H. Easterby, 3-8-11	J. Mercer	1
6	402040	Mons Madness (Lady Durham). W. Hern, 3-8-8	M. H. Easterby	
7	4120I1	Immortal Knight (C) (Mrs N. Westbrook). M. H. Easterby, 4-8-9	M. Birch	4
8	413100	Grey Pegasus (Mrs P. Sherwin). R. Hollinshead, 4-8-5	T. Ives	13
9	402002	Brigant (C) (T. Fairhurst). T. Fairhurst, 6-8-6	S. Webster	5
10	332000	Two and a Quarter (CD) (S. Wareing). L. Shedden, 3-7-11	E. Johnson	6
11	221412	Brass Farthing (Mrs J. Smith). T. Corrie, 6-7-8	R. Fox	7
12	10-3200	Brother Somers (C) (C. Knox). G. Richards, 5-7-7	W. Carson	8
13	004420	Feather Duster (J. Pedd). D. Weeden, 5-7-7	D. Cullen	10
14	040040	Compensation Year (R. Bennett). E. Reavey, 5-7-7	C. Rodrigues	7 13
15	000303			

100-30 Mons Madness, 4-1 Two and a Quarter, 11-2 Tudor Rhythm, 6-1 Dawfish, 8-1 Kunpuu, 10-1 Tudor Fox, Immortal Knight, 12-1 Marshall Ki, Grey Pegasus, 20-1 others.

3.45 BUTTERFLY STAKES (3-y-o : £1,245 : 5f)

1	020202	Blessed Rock (D) (Mrs J. Hindley). J. Hindley, 8-9	L. Piggott	5
2	000204	The Blues (CD) (G. van der Ploeg). W. Marshall, 8-6	J. Seagrave	6
3	003242	White Hose (CD) (D. Robinson). P. Davey, 8-4	W. Carson	2
4	4-30024	Celestial Dawn (D) (A. Budgett). A. Budgett, 8-4	J. Mercer	1
5	001120	Daring Boy (D) (Mrs G. Trimmer-Thompson). R. Hutchinson, 8-4	S. Webster	5 6
6	200010	Irma Flintstone (D) (S. McCullough). T. Fairhurst, 8-6	E. Hide	8
11	231220	Polly Peacham (CD) (Mrs A. Mears). M. W. Easterby, 8-6	D. Cullen	4
14	432022	Yonge St Clare (D). T. Molony. W. Wharton, 8-6	P. Eddery	8

10-11 Celestial Dawn, 11-4 Blessed Rock, 7-1 Daring Boy, 10-1 The Blues, 12-1 Irma Flintstone, Polly Peacham, 16-1 others.

4.15 PEACOCK HANDICAP (£863 : 6f)

1	01000µ	Perdu (D) (A. Richards). D. Hanley, 4-10-0	R. Edmondson	7
2	122000	Chantro (D) (W. Cockburn). J. W. Watts, 4-8-13	E. Hide	2
3	020310	Blastavon (CD) (M. Lockey). G. Hunter, 5-8-5	Reid	5
8	2-40030	Plummet (D) (Mrs D. Bayle). J. E. Sutcliffe, 5-8-0	W. Carson	6
10	013102	Great Charter (D) (Mrs E. Culley). R. Jarvis, 6-7-13	L. Johnson	1
11	013000	Gold Tipped (D) (J. Parkman). F. Freeman, 4-7-12	L. Johnson	5 9
12	00-4002	Masandra (D) (G. McCormick). N. Angus, 4-7-12	Richard Hutchinson	4
13	342404	Court Kettle (D). (H. Crawford). E. Cousins, 4-7-7	C. Eccleston	5
14	404010	Abrek (D) (G. Mayers). E. Collingwood, 7-7-7	S. Salmon	3

7-4 Great Charter, 5-2 Plummet, 4-1 Blastavon, 6-1 Masandra, 8-1 Perdu, 12-1 Gold Tipped, 16-1 others.

4.45 GRAYLING MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o : £566 : 2m 28yds)

1	0400	Risk It (H. Jost). W. Elsey, 9-0	E. Hide	4
2	000040	Bear and Skittles (R. Houghton). R. Houghton, 8-11	—	11
3	0022440	Camusky (R. Jarrett). R. Hollinshead, 8-11	J. Mercer	10
4	042403	Glamoray (S. Garnett). W. Hern, 8-11	G. Lewis	9
5	0-0024	Mantinea (Sir M. Sobell). W. Hern, 8-11	G. Smyth	1
6	2-00000	Misty Maid (Mrs M. Straiem). G. Smyth, 8-11	Bray	7
7	0324	Nymphenburg (J. Craig). D. McCain, 8-11	F. Morby	2
8	000000	Pretenderose (C. Assulin). L. Shedden, 8-11	Ron Hutchinson	6
9	0	Quandary (Duke of Norfolk). J. Dunlop, 8-11	F. Morby	3
10	0-00300	Samabula (Mrs E. Cohen). D. Dale, 8-11	A. Sayles	7

9-4 Mantinea, 11-4 Glamoray, 5-1 Quandary, 8-1 Nymphenburg, 10-1 Camusky, 12-1 Misty Maid, Beer and Skittles, 20-1 others.

Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.15 Dominant. 2.45 Bien Etonne. 3.15 Two and a Quarter. 3.45 Daring Boy. 4.15 Great Charter.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Samoa Tan. 2.45 Bosscat. 3.15 Tudor Fox. 3.45 Blessed Rock. 4.15 Great Charter.

Folkestone selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.50 Familiar. 2.20 Strictly Private. 3.20 HUMMING TOP is specially recommended. 3.50 Sisodan. 4.20 Boscobel.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.50 Riverenegold. 2.20 Titanium. 2.50 Strictly Private. 3.20 General Mite. 3.50 Embassy. 4.20 Tie Break.

Warwick results

1.0 (1.5) MOP STAKES (Division I: 2-y-o: £340: 7f)

Subaltern, gr c, by Right Boy—Jaunty (Mr P. Cate). 8-6
I. Johnson (20-1) 1
Civil Servant, br c, by Frigid Aire—Pink Tape (Mr A. Johnson). 8-11
G. Baxter (8-1) 2
Philmont, gr f, by Philemon—Czaremont (Mr P. Gallagher). 8-8
R. Marshall (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Safe to Port, 9-2 Kanont 2nd, Rolla Wilhelmina, 8-1 Golden Tiger, 9-1 Shiny Strawberry, 16-1 French Station, 20-1 Carols Mood, 33-1 Silver Skillet (4th), Tom Thumb, Madam Four, Sea Pebble, Wellow Cop. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win £2.23: places, 67p, 78p, 25p. C. B. J. Dingwall, East Ilsley. No bid for winner. Little Ditch did not run.

1.30 (1.33) MOP STAKES (Division II: 2-y-o: £340: 7f)

Storm Home, ch f, by St Chad—Storming Finish (Mr G. Harwood). 8-8
W. Carson (10-1) 1
Smokey Clewes, b c, by Hill Clown—Charlinda (Mr D. Robinson). 8-11
J. Seagrave (11-2) 2
Roman God, ch c, by Appiani II—Rose of Tralee (Mrs Nathan). 8-11
B. Taylor (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Lady of La Mancha, 7-1 Weaseding,

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Norman Fox
rield United 1, Derby County 2

ntil last night Sheffield United Derby County were travelling ther in threatening pursuit of first division's leading four s. Their meeting at Bramall provided a division in their s.— Derby moving ahead ase of two goals by Lee that ed the value of experience. ambition for the season is core 20 goals; he has now d 10 and as a result, Derby on the tails of Ipswich.
cally, last night's match was d as a "certain classic", h is the sort of advanced pub- Sheffield United have to se in what seems a fruitless t to arouse local interest. fe, say, Chelsea, United had loped a promising team while ding money on a new grand- . But here the wily confi- of Derby seemed to prove United were almost as plete as their new stand is held up by frail looking olding.
rrie was a sound enough dation, working out of mid- spreading his deft passes barren areas that his col- es should have filled more tively. His first and finest pt to encourage others to e that Derby's defence had oles, came as early as the minute, long before Derby's rds claimed the right to the rest of the game. He ed the ball in his own half, d from the right across the ty area and Boulton needed ll reach to concede a corner. by were not long under 's influence. Two minutes Todd wrenched the controls United. Intercepting a pass he halfway line, he provided kill with time and space on ing. A good low centre, a us diving header by Lee and was easily beaten. United's home defeat and Derby's first away win was assured even at such an early stage.

Not even a ludicrously inaccurate backpass from Nish direct to Field could bring United back into contention. Boulton stifled Field's shot and deflected a volley from Speight for a corner which Webster headed off the line from Eddy. Franks missed two chances from presentable range, and still Derby retained their authority.

United were too often disturbed by the irritant of Derby's abrasives tactics, especially the cunning "professionalism" of Lee and Gemmill. Perhaps it was to their credit that they wanted everything above board. The referee helped them to a point, taking the name of Daniel for deliberately handling but being "conned" when taking the names of three Derby players who stood too close to a free kick.
of the wall by his colleagues—had he been left there he would have been sent off because his name was already in the book. That moment marked the difference in experience and gamesmanship—no marks for Derby's sportsmanship.

In many ways one felt sympathy for United, however gullible their attitude. Faulkner was outstanding against the heavy challenges of Davies and it was his nicely placed pass behind the retreating Nish that allowed Field to score in the far corner. That was a call for Lee to engage in some quick thinking and the decisive contribution of the match. Webster, roaming up on the wing, centred for Hector to head down on to the goal line where Eddy and Lee met the ball together. Typically, Lee snatched an inch more room to flick the ball over the line before Eddy could clear.

SHEFFIELD UNITED: J. Brown; S. Faulkner, E. Hemsley, K. Eddy, E. Colquhoun, C. Franks (sub, D. Bradford), A. Woodward, M. Speight, W. Dearden, A. Currie, A. Field.
DERBY COUNTY: C. Boulton; R. Webster, D. Nish, B. Rioch, P. Daniel, C. Todd, H. Newton, A. Gemmill, R. Davies, K. Hector, F. Lee.
Referee: R. N. Perkin (Stafford).



Trevor Francis . . . scorer of Birmingham's winning goal.

Poor showing by Leeds as Francis makes his mark

By Arthur Osman
Birmingham C 1 Leeds Utd 0

It would have been the grossest of misfortunes for Birmingham if they had been denied the win that they ultimately achieved a bare three minutes from the end. Their largest crowd of the season of 36,000 had been comparatively muted after an opening 15 minutes of splendid endeavour that could with luck have settled the match before half time.

But it was not to be despite the little bursts of almost nervous energy that brought sighs and wails until Francis set the seal on a happy four days for him, and Birmingham for that matter following his three goals of the weekend. A precisely taken and rewarding goal, released a gale of ecstatic singing reminiscent of semi-final rounds of bygone years.

It was also fitting on what had gone before that he and Kendall, as ever an epitome of strength and ability in this Birmingham side, which was producing some of its neatest and most determined attacking of the season, should be the instrument of Leeds's deserved downfall.

Within seconds of forcing a stretching reflex sort of save from Harvey, with a well-struck shot, Francis had the ball in the net for a more than satisfactory consolation. A corner on the left found Kendall on the edge of the penalty area. He hooked the ball with his usual determination and Francis, located diagonally just inside the penalty area, volleyed it cleanly and neatly with his left foot past Harvey.

The considerable guile of Francis, Kendall and Campbell, and the gritty harassing of Hatton and Burns, had a dishevelled Leeds on the defensive from the outset. Burns in particular, although he had passed a fitness test only minutes before the start, could, with the slightest of luck, have had two goals before the quarter hour was out.

Birmingham's tactics of pressing Leeds back were eminently sound. They applied pressure at every sensitive point and Leeds were harried into some desperate, frequently undignified but generally effective blanket covering. Birmingham's luck was wretched and their bursts of energy gradually began to ebb in the fashion of the tension going out of an unwinding spring.

A clean sheet at half time and for 10 minutes or so Leeds began to assert themselves more forcefully until Birmingham recovered their poise, and returned to a game of pressure culminating in a flurry of near misses and Francis's winner.

BIRMINGHAM CITY: D. Latchford; R. Martin, A. Styles, H. Kendall, J. Gallagher, G. Pendrey, A. Campbell, T. Francis, K. Burns, R. Hatton, J. Calderwood.
LEEDS UNITED: D. Harvey; P. Reaney, T. Cherry, T. Yorath, G. McQueen, N. Hunter, P. Lorimer, A. Clarke, J. Jordan, J. Giles, T. Cooper.
Referee: B. H. Daniels (Brentwood).

Ipswich removed from the top despite enterprise

By Tom German
Burnley 1 Ipswich Town 0

Ipswich Town had only frustration to take home from east Lancashire last night. For the fourth match in succession they failed to score, denied by a post, some fine goalkeeping and an ungenerous run of the ball, which several times took it mere inches from the target they strove so enterprisingly to locate. In the process, the East Anglian side were deposed as League leaders, victims of a goal a whisker before half time on one of the few occasions they were cruelly exposed.

Burnley are developing a knack of dispatching sides from the upper rungs of the championship. Liverpool and Manchester City have already been toppled and last night's success at Turf Moor, though they sometimes had to draft every man they had into defence to hold out, hoists them into sixth place. It is a satisfying position for a young side who can only develop their already obvious skills and which will have been steeled by their experience against Ipswich.

Their backs were very much to the wall for long spells, particularly in the second half as Woods found his touch and the forwards at times queued up to take the stream of crosses which floated over. Ipswich were not so markedly assertive in the first half but were still the better organized in attack. Whymark, perhaps the victim of skidding feet, spurned a fine chance in the seventh minute as Lambert supplied him with the ball in front of goal; Whymark's outstretched leg made puny contact and the opening was gone. Woods was on surer feet.

Stevenson, the newest recruit to Don Revie's party had to make two two fine one-handed saves beneath the Burnley bar to turn aside shots which would have found their mark but for the goalkeeper's sharp reactions. Beattie was similarly denied immediately the second half started. By that time Burnley were ahead, though it was hardly deserved.

It was young Flynn, as pert as a button and just about as big, who pointed the way. He had been switching the ball about with remarkably cool precision from midfield; now he made room for himself to hoist the ball into the congested box where Noble and Hunter jumped together for it and the gentlest of touches was just enough to carry the ball to Fletcher who volleyed just inside a post. Unexpected it might have been, but it was a chance well taken.

It was the first time Ipswich's defence had been noticeably opened up. Not that they had looked consistently secure at the back, but there was usually resource enough to shut the middle once Brennan, Hankin and James had shown an early readiness to take aim. They lived dangerously a couple of times in the second half almost falling twice to James's excursions up the left flank, but only because all Ipswich's resources were pushed forward.

Burnley defended with spirited determination in the second half with Waldron firm in the thick of the assault, but Ipswich's fusillade was non stop.

BURNLEY: A. Stevenson; K. Newton, J. Brennan, B. Flynn, C. Waldron, W. Rodaway, P. Noble, B. Hankin, P. Fletcher, D. Collins, L. James.
IPSWICH TOWN: L. Sivell; M. Mills, C. Harper, B. Talbot, A. Hunter, K. Beattie, C. Woods, C. Viljoen, B. Johnson, T. Whymark, M. Lambert.
Referee: P. G. Reeves (Leicester).

Sunderland move into the second position

Sunderland 3 Sheffield W 0

Sunderland jumped back into second place in the second division behind Manchester United by demolishing Sheffield Wednesday in a brilliant first half display at Roker Park. It was never quite the same game afterwards, though Sunderland stayed on top.

Two shattering blows in the first 12 minutes took all the steam out of Wednesday. In four minutes Hughes ran on to a headed pass by Halom to score a fine goal and four minutes later Halom laid on another chance, this time accepted by Kerr from the edge of the penalty area.

Three minutes before the break after Holmgrove had obstructed Porterfield near the corner flag, Porterfield himself took the free kick and Watson moved up to head a third goal.

Early in the second half Thompson was booked for a foul on Halom and later still Joycey was booked for bringing down Hughes.

Portsmouth 0 Man Utd 0

The second division leaders, Manchester United, attracted a season's best 25,608 crowd to Portsmouth's Fratton Park ground. They saw plenty of action, but no goals as Holton blotted out the danger of Ron Davies.

Albiston came close for United on his league debut and Portsmouth had a Kellard shot cleared off the line by Forsyth.

Oldham 1 Notts Co 0

A first half goal from defender Paul Edwards took Oldham to a fortunate win over Notts County. Although Oldham did most of the first half attacking and deservedly went in front after 28 minutes, it was County who had the best chances.

Mann and Bradd both shot wide with open goals and then Needham was unlucky to have a shot cleared off the line by Whittle. As both sides became desperate, two players—Oldham's Hicks and County's Stubbs—had their names taken.

Ronald Suart, Chelsea's caretaker manager, awaits a fitness check on Ian Hutchinson, who has developed a slight knee swelling, before selecting the team to play Stoke City in the third round League Cup replay, at the Victoria ground tonight.

Garner is fit again after a stomach upset, and Garland, who has recovered from ankle trouble, are back in the reckoning. Britton stands by for his first game this season in mid-field as replacement for Kember, who starts a three-match ban as a sequel to his sending off against Manchester City.

The hurdles Sexton has to clear

Queen's Park Rangers expect to announce their new manager today and it is almost certain to be David Sexton, who was dismissed by Chelsea a fortnight ago. Mr Sexton has had talks with the Queen's Park Rangers chairman, Jim Gregory, and unless there are some last minute snags, he is expected to accept the post vacated by Gordon Jago last month.

It is understood that Mr Sexton has settled his financial arrangements with Chelsea. His contract had nearly two years to run.

Geoffrey Green writes:

One player could well be disturbed by the news. He is David Webb, the Queen's Park Rangers back four defender, who moved from Chelsea towards the end of last season largely for one reason —because he could not see eye to eye with Mr Sexton.

It has been generally accepted that Mr Sexton is one of the best, shrewdest coaches in the game. In that capacity he has won his medals in the past at Fulham, Chelsea and Arsenal. A quiet, introspective man in whom deep unseen fires burn, he has yet to find the secret of man management. In his earlier days at Chelsea he began happily enough by winning the FA Cup against Leeds United in 1970 and then the European Cup Winners' Cup the next season against Real Madrid in Athens—both of them after a replay.

Then began the rifts—the troubles with Osgood, Hudson and later Webb, all of whom duly left Stamford Bridge. Now he could face more personal problems at Loftus Road with men like the aforesaid Webb, Bowles and Mancini. Yet the highest and hardest hurdle of all could well be his new chairman.

Rugby Union



Cambridge University on the attack yet again during yesterday's one-sided match at Grange Road.

A Cambridge exhibition match

By Gordon Allan
Cambridge U 79 St Mary's H 7

Cambridge University, who beat Guy's Hospital 55—6 last Saturday, carried on where they left off beating St Mary's Hospital by six goals, a dropped goal and 10 tries to a penalty goal and a try at Grange Road yesterday. Next Saturday they play Cardiff. That will be a closer match.

Mark Rosser, who played at stand-off half for Cambridge against Oxford last year, will not play in the university match this year. He went into hospital yesterday for a cartilage operation on his left knee—the third such operation he will have had. If he had played, it would have been at full back.

Even without him, Cambridge are more formidable than they have been for several seasons, particularly behind the scrummage. Three Blues, in addition to Rosser, did not play yesterday: Hodgson (full back), Pratt (No 8) and Smith (hooker). Also in reserve is Lintott, a solid and effective prop, whom Cambridge are likely to call up before long when they have to combat bigger, stronger packs than their own.

St Mary's pack never came into that category. They were a man short for all but the first two minutes of the match. Christopher Williams, himself a Cambridge Blue, dislocated an elbow when he tried to charge down a kick by Wordsworth. Summerfield moved to stand-off, and Hickey left the back row to play on the wing. In so far as St Mary's ever had a chance, it evaporated at that moment. They actually led 4—3 for a short time, but afterwards Cambridge did as they pleased in a mixture of exhibition and match practice.

Cambridge's tries were scored by Wood (5), Hartley (3), Wordsworth (2), O'Callaghan (2), Harding (2), Warfield and Warlow. Hignell kicked five conversions and Wordsworth one conversion and a dropped goal. Hignell took over the goal-kicking chore from Wordsworth, who missed five conversions in the first half. Caldwell scored St Mary's try and Summerfield kicked their penalty.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: N. J. Hignell (Dunstone and Llewellyn); M. O'Callaghan (Christchurch, US, New Zealand and Emmanuel), J. L. Hayes (Bournemouth GS and Emmanuel), P. J. Warfield (Hailsham and St John's), G. E. Wood (Cheltenham and Downing); A. J. Wordsworth (Whitgift and Selwyn), R. St. J. Harding (Millfield and St John's); S. K. Young (Raynes Park GS and Pembroke), M. W. Campbell (Balham GS and St John's), D. Allen (Solihull and Downing), D. R. Thomas (Llandello GS and Churchill), S. R. R. Edmunds (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall), S. Warley (Llanelli GS and St Catharine's), N. J. French (Haberdashers' and St Catharine's), J. Harries (Arnold School, Blackpool and Llewellyn).
ST MARY'S HOSPITAL: M. Meredith; R. Summerfield, N. Lewis, M. Williams, I. Caldwell, C. Williams, J. Rees, A. Slow, M. Dunkerton, L. Encwelson, I. Pinker, A. Meredith, J. Hickey, I. Lloyd, R. Sines.
REFEREE: D. M. Robinson (London). * A Blue.

Oxford to play Durham University

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Oxford University have accepted an invitation from Durham University to play them, in November 1975, in connexion with Durham's centenary year. It will, I believe, be the first time that Oxford or Cambridge have agreed to meet another English university.

"We were very pleased to be asked", says the Oxford fixtures secretary, Stuart Pether, himself a rugby and cricket Blue. The fixture will be regarded as a "one-off", although there is no saying what it may lead to eventually. Its arrangement may cause heartache at places like Loughborough and St. Luke's, whose requests for fixtures have always been declined.

In recent seasons Oxford have found it even harder than Cambridge to hold their own consistently against the strongest clubs. Nonetheless, it is understandable that in the course of the short, eight-week Michaelmas term, they should wish to maintain their traditional links. There is no doubt, either, that the admission tutors could do the club a service by accepting a few more players who may be short of intellectual brilliance.

The opportunities to play the Durhams of this world on a regular oasis may come, sooner or later, in the Hilary term. When the Springbok Tom Bedford was Oxford's captain seven years ago, a sub-committee was set up to rationalize the fixtures, some of which, in that term, certainly, had become too formidable.

Oxford now have eight matches after Christmas, the Bedford club, by friendly agreement, having dropped out after last season.

Edinburgh University and Trinity College, Dublin now play at Iffley Road in alternate years. Oxford's Scottish and Irish tours have been abandoned on grounds of expense. Receipts from the University match are not what they used to be, costs are soaring, and Oxford say it would now set them back by £1,000 to embark on the old Scottish trip.

The Durham side needs to be substantially rebuilt this season, but it ought to have a powerful pack under the new captain, Nash, who has had an Ulster trial. They are strengthened up front by the arrival of Stephen Gorvette, from Bristol, Tom Rupar, of Waterloo, and Robert Anderson, an England Under-19 cap from Durham City.

The first Durham centenary celebration, next April, will be a game against a team of "Old Palatinates", who if they muster full strength the side would include six internationals in Rossborough, Knight, Old, Warfield, Hannaford and Dixon—not to mention a fine hand of trials and county performers.

Rossborough will be playing for Warwickshire, the Midland champions, this evening as two more county divisions get their programmes under way. Warwickshire, at home (Coventry) to Notts, Lincs and Derby, have Geoffrey Evans partnering his England colleague, Peter Preece, at centre.

Evans's appearance for Coventry last Saturday was his first major one since his tour of South Africa with the British Lions. There are 11 Coventry players in the Warwickshire XV, but Rugby supply all three loose forwards—Malik, Cowell and Pigott.

The most critical contest in the south east involves Eastern Counties and Middlesex on the Old Bancroftians' ground at Buckhurst Hill. Counties swamped everybody in their group last season to reach the championship semi-final for a second successive year.

"Lol" Fenley has given up the match secretaryship of Warwickshire after 39 years but soldiers on as a committee man for the 53rd year and has been made a life member of the county. Where would the game be without devoted men like him? Another such is Jack Preece, a former Metropolitan policeman, who was secretary of the London Fixture Exchange for 20 years and supervised the arrangement of over 8,000 games annually. There will be a dinner in his honour at the Café Royal on November 7. His testimonial fund already is well past the £1,500 mark.

Wasps make changes for KO game

The former Gloucester lock A. Davies plays his first game of the season for Wasps in Saturday's national knockout competition first round game at Blackheath. Davies replaces Robin Smith in a reshuffled pack, while Anderson, recovered from chest injuries, returns at fullback. Nealson, the Blackheath captain, returns to the side after a month's absence with shingles. He takes his customary role at No. 8 with Naish moving to the blindside flank position for Lodwig.

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v Bristol C (7.30).
y v Chelsea (7.30).
City v W B Albion (7.30).

Rugby Union
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Eastern Counties v Middlesex (at Buckhurst Hill, 3.0); Hampshire v Sussex (at Southampton, 3.0); North Midlands v East Midlands (at Moseley, 7.30); Staffordshire v Leicestershire (at Burton, 7.15); Surrey v Kent (at Old Deer Park, Richmond, 3.0); Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire (at Coventry, 7.30).
TRIAL MATCHES: Scottish trial: North and Midlands v Anglo Scots (at Edinburgh, 7.30). University final trial: Oxford, 2.30.
OTHER MATCHES: International XV v Swansea (at Swansea, 7.0); Esher v Surrey County Club XV (7.30).
RUGBY LEAGUE: County championship play-off: Lancashire v Yorkshire (at Widnes, 7.30).

HOCKEY: Barclays Bank v Kingston GS; London University v President's XI; London University Senators v Vice-President's XI.

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Third division

Colchester (1) Svarc (2)	2	Port Vale (0) (5,183)	0		
Halifax (2) Gwyther Moir (2)	3	Southend (0) Silvester (1,310)	1		
Plymouth (1) Rafferty	1	Aldershot (0) (5,175)	0		

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop's Stortford 2, Clapton 1; Bromley 1, Walthamstow Avenue 3; Dulwich Hamlet 2, Dagenham 2; Hayes 0, Oxford City 1; Hendon 2, Barking 3; Ritchin Town v Leytonstone 0; Ilford 3, Enfield 4; Slough Town 3, Kingstonian 2; Sutton United 2, Woking 0; Walton and Hersham 0, Tooting and Mitcham 3; Wycombe Wanderers 1, Leatherhead 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodlit competition: First round: St Helens 30, Leeds 2.

Fourth division

Barnsley (1) Mahoney (4,748)	1	Mansfield (1) Latham Laverick Clarke	3		
Cambridge (0) (2,652)	0	Shrewsbury (1) Durban Haywood	2		
Doncaster (1) Lee Kitchen (2,054)	2	Lincoln (1) Symm Graham	2		
Scunthorpe (1) Keeley Roberts Markham	3	Southport (0) Gough (2) Russell (1,849)	3		
Swansea (1) M. Evans Thomas	2	Newport (0) (3,372)	0		

RUGBY UNION: Cambridge University 79, St Mary's Hospital 7. Schools matches: King's, Canterbury 36, Colfe's GS 3; Perse 20, Bishop's Stortford 7; St John's, Leatherhead 9, Grantleigh 11; Stowe 11, Radley 24; Uppingham 0, Oundle 3.

FA unhappy with Olympic entry

Oct 15.—The Internationball Federation (FIFA) nounced a record entry of ries for the next Olympic tournament but said the should have been higher.

itorial in the current issue ederation's news bulletin, ave details of the entries, t is felt that the so-called developing countries of Asia and Concacaf (North tral America, and the West might have entered more

if the Olympic tournament usually bring a positive result to the national ons "they should show nternational standard by ing in this amateur com- " the editorial added. The federation from which all nbers are taking part is merica. Fourteen from 38 in Africa, 15 from 34 in d. seven from 22 in the Concacaf federation are not participating.

The groupings and dates from the pre-Olympic tournament will be made by Fifa's amateur committee in Rome on November 7. The committee will also rule on whether a late application for inclusion by the Central African Republic can be accepted. The full list of competing countries, eight more than the number for the last Olympic competition, is as follows:

Africa:—Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Upper Volta, Zaire and Zambia.

Asia.—Bahrain, Bangladesh, Taiwan, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, South Vietnam.

Concacaf.—Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Gustemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Surinam, Trinidad, United States.

South America. — Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Europe.—Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, East Germany, West Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Republic of Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Turkey, Soviet Union, Yugoslavia.

Oceania.—Australia, Papua-New Guinea.—Reuter.

Vienna, Oct 15.—The chances are that delegates attending the seventy-fifth meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) opening here tomorrow, will vote heavily for Moscow as host for the 1980 summer Olympics.

Science report

Enzymes: Fixation of nitrogen

Atmospheric nitrogen is so unreactive that getting it into a form in which it may be used by plants and so enter the food chain, is a chemical problem. Although man's technology has overcome this difficulty by brute force, by synthesis of ammonia from nitrogen and hydrogen at very high temperatures and pressures to produce artificial fertilizers, certain bacteria have been dealing with the problem in a much more elegant way for millions of years.

By means of a complex enzyme system, nitrogenase, they channel metabolic energy to produce ammonia from the atmospheric nitrogen molecule at normal temperature and pressure. The most important group of such bacteria from an agricultural point of view, is the rhizobia, which lives in a symbiotic relationship with certain leguminous plants, such as clover, soya beans and lucerne, all very important fodder crops. These plants are also grown to replenish soil depleted of nitrogen through the continual harvesting of other crops.

It would obviously be to everyone's advantage if this nitrogen-fixing property could be transferred to plants which do not have it naturally, such as wheat, corn and other grain crops, and with this end in view much work has been done on both the basic biochemistry and genetics of the nitrogenase system and on the relationship between plants and the symbiotic rhizobia.

Unfortunately, the rhizobia cannot express their nitrogen-fixing abilities in artificial culture, so, to unravel the basic mysteries of the nitrogenase system, workers turned to the free-living bacteria with this property. Using one of these bacteria, a species of *Klebsiella*, Dr Roy Tubb of the Nitrogen Fixation Unit at the University of Sussex has elucidated one more important step in the control of the expression of the nitrogenase genes.

Like many metabolic pathways, the synthesis of the nitrogenase enzyme is inhibited when sufficient of the end product, of the reaction it catalyses, in this case ammonium, is present. Previous work on various metabolic pathways involving nitrogen compounds had suggested that another enzyme, glutamine synthetase played some part in releasing the gene from ammonium repression, as this condition is called.

Dr Tubb obtained mutants, of his *Klebsiella* species which were unable to use either atmospheric nitrogen or a wide variety of other nitrogen sources. When he examined his mutant strain for glutamine synthetase, he found that the amount of enzyme present was lower than normal and that no nitrogenase was synthesized. He then transferred the nitrogen fixation *(nif)* genes from his mutant strain to a related bacterium which could produce high levels of glutamine synthetase all the time had no nitrogen fixing genes at all. The transformed bacterium then produced nitrogenase.

In his report in *Nature*, Dr Tubb suggests that a certain level of glutamine synthetase is needed before the nitrogenase genes are released from ammonium repression and nitrogenase is synthesized.

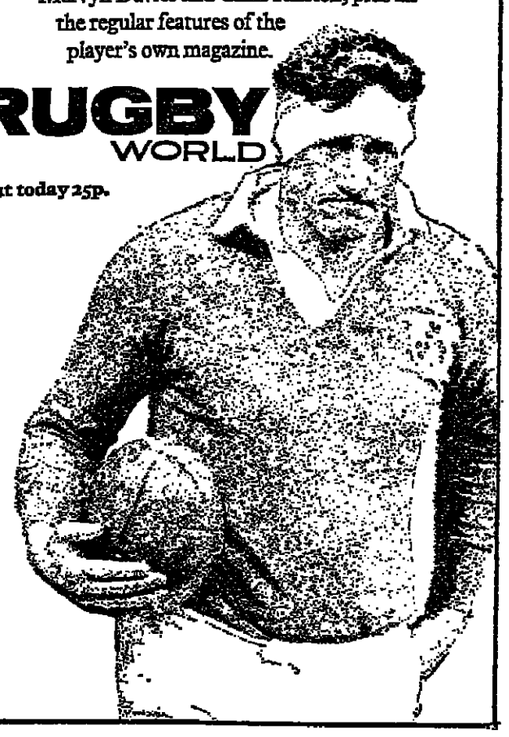
The participation of glutamine synthetase in this reaction throws out many lines of inquiry. One line of research has been to attempt to pass the nitrogen fixing capacity to plant cells by injecting them with the bacterial genes. This has not been successful up to now, and Dr Tubb suggests that there would be a greater chance of success if the genes for the expression and regulation of glutamine synthetase were transferred with the nitrogenase genes. Of course, the problem could be avoided altogether if *nif* genes independent of glutamine synthetase regulation could be obtained, but this class of mutant seems elusive, perhaps because the *nif* genes may be arranged in quite a complex way on the chromosome.

It is likely that glutamine synthetase also plays a part in nitrogen fixation carried out in the symbiotic rhizobia. It is almost certain that the nitrogen-fixing genes come from the bacterium itself, but one reason why they do not work when the bacterium is grown outside the plant might be, Dr Tubb suggests, that the bacterium's glutamine synthetase is in fact unable to activate the nitrogenase genes and that this function is taken over by the plant in some way. All in all, Dr Tubb's report has given workers in this field a great deal to get their teeth into.

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Ireland's centenary

Sean Diffley writes about Ireland's 100 years of rugby – and talks to national skipper Willie John McBride and coach Syd Millar. Our man in New Zealand tells you all about the All Blacks who will tour Ireland as part of the Centenary celebrations.
And this month England's Peter Jackson and Scotland's Chris Rea write on the match they will always remember. There are profiles, too, of British Lions Mervyn Davies and Chris Ralston, plus all the regular features of the player's own magazine.



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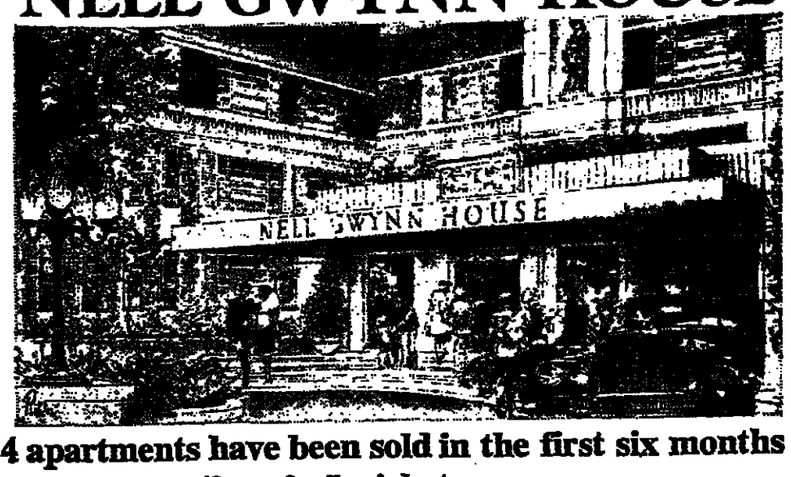
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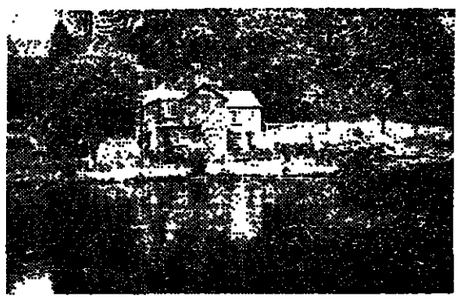
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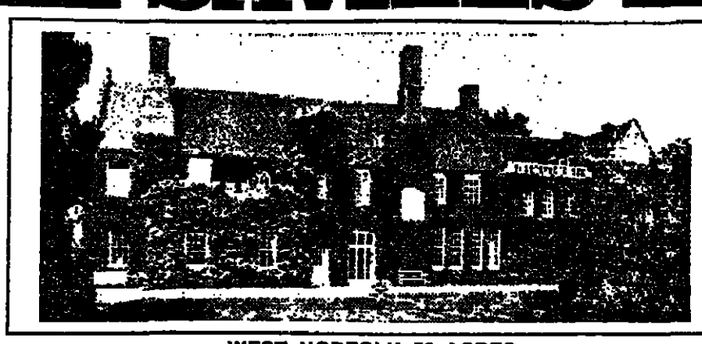
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Eric Moonman

Give your MP a little tolerance and time

Dear Elector,

It's too late now to change your vote or your MP. But may I pass on a few home truths?

Election campaigning is necessarily an artificial exercise—and is becoming more so. The conventions of our democratic society demand that we candidates talk about our intentions and our policies and that we try to dislodge the opposition's case thereby, on your doorstep or at a village hall meeting. Meanwhile, you are busy deceiving us by talking to our canvassers and the pollsters and more than likely telling them what they want to hear. I can't complain about that. After all, as some of you are fond of saying, it is supposed to be a secret ballot. There is a theory that the reason why we tend to get over-optimistic forecasts of Labour voting figures is that traditional Conservatives either refuse to cooperate with the pollsters altogether (and good luck to them) or deliberately mislead them in a sophisticated political endeavour to produce just such erroneous forecasts as we have recently experienced.

You are rarely as interested in politics as party workers assume. Politics has to compete with, among much else, football, golf or just plain indifference. In fact, an established polling station in Basildon at a central community centre could not be used last Thursday because its officers felt the regular evening bingo should take precedent over the election.

Whatever is said or done during an election campaign, no candidate ever tells you what he really thinks of you even when you refuse to pay him the same courtesy. Those are the rules. Most of you are very civilized, I should hasten to say, but some are rude and even more are impatient.

You expect swift replies to your letters, election or no election and most of us do our best to comply. But what strange compulsion leads a satisfied constituent to say, at the end of a "thank you" letter—"but I'm still not going to vote for you"? It would be nice, I think, to cherish a few illusions. After the February election I had an angry letter within 10 days from a constituent who pointed out that "Labour has broken its election promise—you have not abolished the Maplin project".

I am making a plea for reasonableness on the part of the electorate. Most of the letters I receive, and they are many since I represent nearly 95,000 electors, contain justifiable complaints but some are hopelessly aggressive and, of course, a few are very sick.

Don't ask the impossible—I cannot halt the process of law, or alter your position on the housing list, or influence the local council in planning decisions. I can see that they are aware of the situation, know about your views and can frequently cut through bureaucratic red tape.

If your MP is a first-timer, give him a chance to get to know the ropes. The House of Commons is a very complex set-up and he may think he knows the place but it's a good nine months before he may be certain of interpreting accurately the mood and decision-making processes of Parliament and Ministers.

The working conditions in Parliament are grotesque. I have spoken to many new MPs who felt that they were cheated; that they could not do the sort of job that they were able to do and felt that they had been elected to do, because of poor servicing.

Whichever party wins an election, it needs tolerance and time. Of course, I wanted Labour to win but I would make the same plea whichever party was now in power. It takes time to formulate policies and put them into effect, and longer still for the effects to work their way through to the electorate—so don't be too hasty with your judgments.

The contemporary social climate with its accelarating pace of change places a premium on the doing rather than how it's done. Instant politics appears to be the name of the game. One of the hazards inherent in the emergence of small alternative parties, I am afraid, is that they breed a demand for quick superficial answers to problems that just cannot be solved simply and quickly. Community politics can bring a modest degree of success—as every MP knows—but there are limitations to what one can do. We clearly cannot run a national party on this basis, a fact which may well account for the disastrous reduction in Jeremy Thorpe's support last week.

If some of the trends which began to appear in this election continue, those held in 20 years' time could be extremely bizarre. Instead of appearing on your doorstep or holding public meetings and walkabouts the party leaders will appear only on television, while local candidates will be found not in your local High Street but at the end of a telephone. At least 200 candidates in the south-east operated "phone-ins" from their campaign headquarters during this last election. One candidate offered a 24-hour service, and he remained diligently by his phone only venturing out on Saturday mornings. As someone who got wet through two and three time a day nearly every day in the three weeks of the campaign, I speak feelingly when I say that this seems to me to be the negation of what elections are about. The Isaac Asimov fantasy, *The Franchise*, describing an election in which the pattern of the next four years is laid down by one average man chosen by computer to vote for the whole of the American population does not seem so far away.

The move away from personalized local and national campaigns could be hastened if there is any further escalation of violence in public places. The risk of bombs being planted will empty halls of even the few faithful who now turn out to hear their candidate, while party leaders who draw the crowds will be reluctant to risk so many lives.

But it would be a sad day for you if elections by remote control through television and telephone became the common pattern. For the loss of direct contact with candidates and party leaders would inevitably lead to a dehumanizing of politics and open the way still further to the projection of images rather than men—Big Brother is looking after, if not watching, you.

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Tories must look before they leap into line behind a new leader

Bernard Levin

And so to the Conservatives. What a cowardly rabble they can be when they set their minds to it! It is clear that, barring a catastrophe that would in any case sweep the Tories back to power even if they were led by, say, Mr Maurice Macmillan, the present Government is going to be in power for two or three years. That being so, common sense, which demands that they take their time over the question of the leadership, fits perfectly with opportunity, which says that they have plenty of time to take. Yet before the final result was in, the curs were yelping, led by little Mr Winterton, Lord High Uvula to the Ted-Must-Go choir.

> You are the hare of whom the proverb goes,
> Whose valour plucks dead lions by the beard.

And he is not the only one either. But assuming (a large assumption) that there are enough men of sense and weight in the Tory Party to stop them from throwing Mr Heath overboard at least until they have discovered whether there is anybody else among the crew who knows the difference between starboard and a marlinspike, or even until they have decided which way they want to go, there should be time for the dust to settle, and for Mr Heath's qualities and position to be soberly evaluated, not least by him.

For the Tory Party, before getting out of the hole it is in, might do well to stop and wonder whether it knows of a better one. Indeed, let us wonder on its behalf. Mr Maudling being ruled out, and Mr Eoinoigh O'Powhoill being gone over the water (and me never suspectin' that himself was the bhroth of an Irish lad, at all, and that he was afther being a friend of the Little People since he was no higher than one of them, and the way of him, at all, and the Irish dirt of his voice, at all, and his ashplant and his tweeds, at all, and his mam comin' from Carrickfergus and his da from Clonakilty, and nobody knowin' of it until he told us, the shy one that he is, and sure but he's lost to us for ever until Brian Boru himself wakes from his long sleep, and there he'll be, our Eoinoigh, with Caitlin ni Houlihan and the Shan Van Vocht, at all, and the starlight in his eyes on the hills, and Robert Emmet and Wolfe Tone and Pearse and Connolly, or have I got it wrong, well, no matter for that, for I'll be in good company if I have, at all, and him afther leading Ireland to glory, at all, and I think I'll be afther havin' done about enough of this now, bejasus), six names have been mentioned, since it was clear that the Tories had lost the election, as possible successors to Mr Heath, the names being, in no particular order, Whitelaw, Carr, Thatcher, du Cann, Soames and Joseph.

Mr Whitelaw is what might be called the peace-and-quiet candidate, the amiable fellow whom nobody could dislike and who only needs a sprig of holly in his hair to be mistaken for a Christmas pudding. Choose him, the argument runs, and the nation will rush to his warm and kindly embrace as to that of a favourite uncle. Unfortunately, something rather more is required for a party leader these days than a benign and soothing demeanour. Apart from intellect, something like a recognizable political philosophy would be a distinct advantage: would anybody care to write down, on one side of a sheet of paper, just what it is that Mr Whitelaw stands for? You may reply that Sir Alec was not precisely a combination of the Brain of Britain and Disraeli, but it would not be the happiest of examples, since the point of Sir Alec's tenure of office was that Mr Wilson ate him alive, in Parliament and out. Mr Whitelaw would be cut to shreds in a month.

Mr Carr, then? Well, he would be the first Identikit picture to become leader of the Conservative Party, but he would do it no good. Nobody, from one end of the country to the other, has ever heard of Mr Carr, and if he becomes leader and remains leader for 40 years, that will remain true. Mr Carr is a decent and intelligent man, but tested by the reliable Piffl-Pforzheim method, his personality runs clean off the scale on the minus side.

That, at any rate, is not a charge that can be levelled at Mrs Thatcher. Pause there, Margaret, And weigh thy value with an even hand ... What if I stray'd no further, but chose here? To start with, there's precedent for it; Mrs Meir, Mrs Bandaranaike and Mrs Gandhi may not be the greatest national leaders the world has ever seen, but none of them has done notably worse than her male predecessors, and Mrs Thatcher is a gifted and practical politician, whose formidable strength of character belies that Dresden appearance. She would need time to accustom the people to the oddity of it, but time is the one thing the Tories do have. And yet I do not think they will do it, and I am not certain that they would be wise to. The mail chauvinism of the people of this country, particularly the women, is still dreadful, and her sex would be a severe handicap. Beside, there is the too-cool exterior (if only she would burst into tears occasionally); if the voters would not warm to Mr Heath, they are unlikely to warm to Mrs Thatcher, and there is no point in the party jumping out of the igloo and onto the glacier.

There is Mr du Cann, of course (the part will be played, in the forthcoming film of his life, by Mr Valentine Dyall), but I trust the suggestion was not intended seriously. There is Sir Keith Joseph, the most interesting of the contenders, with by far the most coherent and distinctive philosophy, but the Tories would have to be quite sure that they want to change direction sharply, and there is as yet no sign that they do. There is Sir Christopher Soames, but that choice would mark a disastrous return to a bygone day. The Tory Party is already dangerously classified, in far too many minds which it has to reach to succeed, as being out of touch with the needs and wishes of millions who may not understand what sort of world we live in, but are quite certain, even if only by instinct, that it is not the world of Sir Christopher Soames. God bless the squire and his relations; full speed astern to the Two Nations.

What the Tory Party needs desperately is to *think*. To think about its nature and its future, its failure and its intentions, its image and its seatch. But instead of being content that the election defeat was not a rout, and settling down to the long debate that must precede the choice of a new leader (since it is surely wise for a traveller, however intrepid, to decide what continent he wishes to explore before hiring a guide, lest he appoint an Eskimo to take him across Equatorial Africa), the only thought in their minds is to get rid of Mr Heath, who is still by far the most able man they have. He does, of course, seem to lose an awful lot of elections; but would it not be a good idea if the Tories were quite sure, or even moderately sure for that matter, that any possible successor at present would be better in that respect? I have never been able to understand why all those brigadiers and colonels in the Tory Party, who were so steady under real fire on the beaches, instantly lose their nerve and run for cover when they come under sham fire on the back benches. Can the Tories not understand that *there is no hurry*, and that a mistake now could not be put right until it had damaged the party almost, if not quite, beyond repair?

And there is another consideration, perhaps the most important of all. Do the Tories believe their election arguments or do they not? If they do, then they believe that terrible times are coming for this country, and that the present Government will be quite unable to cope with them. Will not the people then turn to the man who told them as much, who would not lie either about the situation or the remedies, and who went down to defeat speaking the truth to the last? I think it quite likely that they will. Is this a time to overthrow such a man and replace him by someone clearly his inferior? A year from now will be time enough for him to step down, if step down he must. But a year from now the hurricane will be blowing.

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Kurds caught between trust and treachery

"When you are faced with the Russians, the only people who can help you are the Americans." Mr Abdul Rahman, senior member of the Kurdistan Democratic Party leadership, was expressing hope rather than confirmation of wider world involvement in the Kurdish struggle to win autonomy within Iraq. But it indicates that larger issues are at stake than the fate of a small nation in a remote region of the world.

It is generally recognized that the Soviet Union is the main source of Iraqi weapons and expertise in their fight with the Kurds. Certainly Mr Rahman is emphatic about this. "They have their experts in Kirkuk taking care of all the operations. And I can mention that the name of the Chief Supervisor of Air Operations is Col Alexander Vasilev. It needs only the Red Army to occupy us to make it complete."

Recently the Kurds have claimed not only that the main instrument of Iraqi air attack is the TU22, a supersonic bomber never before used outside Russia, and that all such missions are flown by Russians. This they say was admitted by Flight Lieutenant Safa Shalal at Faiz when his Mig 19 was shot down on August 17. If it is true the Kurdish claim to be fighting the West's battle against Russian infiltration into the Persian Gulf has some substance.

The Kurds' fate is to be constantly on the fringes of history—caught up in great events but inevitably exploited by them. Assyrians, Medes, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Persians, Arabs, Turks and British have marched and fought across Kurdistan. Today the picture is equally confused. The Kurds now find themselves fighting their erstwhile friends the Russians while relying on help from their old enemies, the Persians, to do so.

The Shah, who would never accept an independent Kurdistan, is merely using the war to embarrass his Iraqi enemies. The Russians, on the other hand, are looking for an outlet to the Persian Gulf and a suitably remote testing ground for their TU22. A situation where the Kurds face overwhelming odds with the help only of unreliable allies leaves them as open to cynical exploitation as ever. It is also invaluable propaganda for the Iraqis that the Kurds are helped by the country which would most like to see the collapse of the government in Baghdad.

Recently things have escalated dangerously for the Kurds. In major offensives the Iraqis have captured Rawanduz and Qala Diza. The policy of terrorizing the civilian population is working. There are now nearly 80,000 refugees in camps in Iran. The Iraqis have bombed villages inside Iran, presumably to force the Shah to declare his hand. If he backs down the Kurds will be left in the lurch. If he fights, Kurdistan will become the battle ground for two large and sophisticated armies. Nor is it likely that the Iraqis will ignore the tempting target of 80,000 refugees within 20 miles of their border.

The large exodus of refugees is an important clue to the gravity of the situation. The experience of history and 14 years of almost continuous bouts with Baghdad have made the Kurds phlegmatic and tough. They do not abandon their homes lightly. But for months now the frontier has been jammed with hundreds of families waiting anxiously for permission to cross.

At Kashri, I talked with some of the 5,000 people now in a panic-stricken flight from a big Iraqi push near Arbil. A woman told me: "For six days two of my children had to walk, the other one I had to carry. Near Sewey the planes bombed us. There was no water and no food. My man was left behind looking after the mules." Her husband added: "I was at the front when it happened. I realized my wife and children were lost. It took me three days of searching to find them. I saw three children dead from thirst and fatigue."

For three days this terrifying tide of humanity had poured into Kashri—old men and women, many carrying their grand-children, pregnant mothers, small babies, all had walked for a week or more to reach there. Everywhere the story was the same—aerial attacks, crops and houses burnt, possessions abandoned. Incredibly, despite fear and exhaustion families struck obstinately together, clothes were washed and the children at least were fed. If there was no food those who had food shared it with those that had not.

Exaggerated by problems of distance and poor communication, the sufferings of the wounded are equally severe. In a field hospital, improvised out of branches and leaves, Dr Albert Gorghees told me: "... per cent of our wounded reach us only after being carried for four or five days on a mule. Of course most of their wounds are severely infected. . . . We have no electricity, no proper sterilization, no oxygen and no general anaesthetics."

The most remarkable thing about the Kurdish revolution is not just that they are prepared to endure so much and for so long, but that in contrast to most revolutions they are prepared to do so for a cause in which the economic aspects of life are hardly mentioned. The war is probably responsible for this unity of purpose and there are men like Ibraham Ahmed, one time rival to Barzani for the leadership, who believe another revolution will follow the gaining of autonomy. Nevertheless the political process in which this is to be secured is one impregnable if slightly whimsical virtuousness. The acting Prime Minister, Dr Mahmoud told me: "We believe in democracy, in our organisations in the political life of our people . . . we believe in nationalization we believe in deep social changes like freedom of women and equality of election. That is why if one looks at our programme anybody will see that we are nearer to the Social Democratic Parties in Europe rather like the Labour Party in Britain."

The question remains, what are the Kurds to do? The law of autonomy passed by Baghdad in March 1974 is neither liberal nor democratic. It excludes areas which experts agree are Kurdish. The legislative body for Kurdistan is to be appointed and dismissed by Baghdad. The Ba'athist rulers of Iraq have broken for the umpteenth time their promise to hold a census because on that rests the Kurdish claim to a share of the oil revenue proportional to their numbers. The Kurds cope with justification the anti-Kurdish tarian regime in Bagdad and their own democratic ideals. Quixotically they have even tried to build the idea of democracy for all Iraq into the negotiation as the only cure for years of broken agreements.

In a world where justice and sanity prevailed there would be no Kurdish question. It is perhaps because the Kurds believe so strongly in these ideals that they continue to fight. However there are those both in Kurdistan and our who are wondering if, in her present circumstances discretion would not be the better part of valour. The superiority of weapons and unreliability of the allies whose help is good propaganda and Baghdad make it possible for the Kurds may have to negotiate from a position of weakness not strength. On grounds of commonly shared principles and previously incurred moral obligation the West has a clear duty to intervene with humanitarian aid and diplomatic pressure to get negotiations going before disaster overtakes the courageous people.

Chris Godda

The embarrassment of Boston

Massachusetts was the only state in the union to vote for Senator McGovern in 1972, and Boston has been the home of liberalism in racial matters since Daniel Webster. Yet while other cities have had trouble over busing recently, including Denver and New York, Boston is the only one where white mobs have stoned buses carrying black children to school.

Children are being bused peacefully to school in Alabama and Mississippi—where the slogan was once "segregation now, segregation for ever"—while the home town of Harvard University, the heart of the liberal north-east, is giving the worst example of racial intolerance that has been seen in years.

The dominant political force in Boston is still Irish, and although the Irishmen for the most part are several generations removed from the mother country, they have preserved intact their heritage of intolerance and violence. A large Irish crowd was demonstrating the other day outside the house of the local cardinal, a gentleman of Italian, not Irish, ancestry and name, who has refused to open the doors of the private Roman Catholic schools to the children of members of his flock who seek thus to escape the contamination of black children. The cardinal says they should obey the law and show a little Christian charity, and is very unpopular in South Boston as a result.

The inhabitants of South Boston are known as "Southies", and they have preserved a community spirit which is becoming increasingly rare in America, save among blacks. The Southies are now being guarded by a force of 445 state police, brought in from outside Boston to relieve the city force.

Part of the trouble was that the Boston police are themselves involved in the dispute over busing. Many of them are from Southie's Irish community, and although they will always defend the black children and their parents from assault by the white mob, it was obviously preferable to have outsiders doing the protection. Boston's Tactical Patrol Force has been moved out of Southie and sent to the black ghetto, Roxbury, where blacks attack whites and the police will encounter no conflict of interest in protecting them.

The origins of the trouble are perfectly straightforward. Americans, with their written constitution and their legal tradition, are even more inclined to follow theoretical arguments through to extreme conclusions than are the French.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1954 that racial segregation in schools was unconstitutional. When the legal barriers had been duly removed, it was observed that many schools, in north and south, remained all black or all white because they served districts which were similarly monochrome. The solution advocated by liberals and supported by the courts was to take children, by bus, from their native districts to study in schools which had formerly been the exclusive preserve of other races.

All over the United States, school boards have been evading the extreme consequences of this policy by busing a few children back and forth. The law has thus been upheld without destroying the school system (and the children's education), but not in Boston. There the Irish-dominated schools committee, which runs the schools without regard to the mayor or the Governor of Massachusetts, refused all compromise.

Many arrangements were proposed which would have put enough blacks into white schools and vice versa to show the children (and this is the only reasonable justification of the policy) that children of different colours are not different in other respects. The Irish would have none of it, any more than their cousins in Ireland will contemplate secular education.

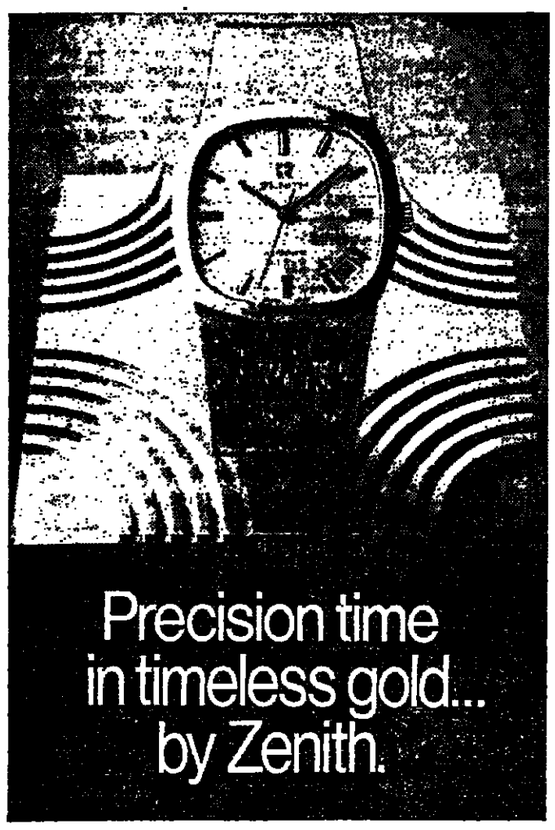
In 1965 the state legislature passed a law that no school should have more than half its children from a minority, meaning black. That law was backed up by a court order this autumn, and the Irish started boycotting the schools and stoning the buses.

A black—an innocent from Haiti—was nearly lynched on Monday of last week while trying to collect his child from South Boston High School. It made good television and enraged blacks in Roxbury, who started stoning and beating up whites who ventured into the ghetto. Sending the TPF to Roxbury and the state police to Southie will not solve anything, of course.

President Ford washed his hands of the problem, leaving the Mayor of Boston wringing his. He is afraid that things will get worse.

The law may be evaded by an acceptable compromise. This is what has happened in New York. But it is feared that the blacks and the courts will insist that the law is enforced. ("We will march through Southie to get our rights", proclaimed a militant black leader last week) and the Irish will continue the fight beyond reason. That could lead to killings. There is a long hard winter ahead, and at the very least freezing cops will become fixtures outside every school in Boston.

Patrick Brogan



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Now let me talk to the philodendron

Peter Tompkins looks the kind of man who would talk to his plants. His hair comes to a number of wispy points—behind his ears, at the end of his sideburns and at the tip of his small beard. That and his bright, sharp eyes give him a quietly manic appearance.

Tompkins, an American, is co-author of *The Secret Life of Plants*, a book which I mentioned here when it was published in the United States last year, and whose message is that plants have emotions and sensations which correspond closely to the feelings of humans. If you are a radio listener you will know of Tompkins's visit, since he has been interviewed on Radio 4 on two mornings running.

On Monday evening I met him at a party which his London publishers had cleverly decided to hold in the roof garden of a Kensington department store. Almost as soon as I arrived he disappeared for a while and I thought he had gone for a chat with the plants outside. It turned out that he was merely talking to a BBC reporter, which is probably about as interesting.

I have not read the whole book but it seems rather tough going, with much heavy scientific stuff separating the anecdotes of people's experiences communicating with their plants. I find you can generally judge a book's merit by its second sentence, and the second sentence of this one is: "The true matrix of human life is the green sward covering mother earth."

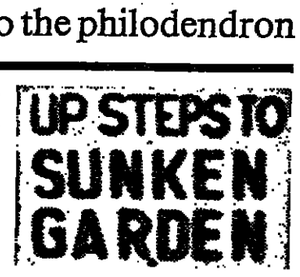
Tompkins clearly believes in his work and, when he did emerge from his BBC grilling, he enthusiastically retold the tales about the philodendron which started a car, the Colorado plants that liked classical music but hated rock, the bunch of jonquils that throbbed at a London underground station and the Japanese cactus that could count. ("What's twice two?" its mistress would ask it, in Japanese, and it would pulsate four times in reply.)

It is easy to make fun of Tompkins and his theories, but I do not think anyone need restrain himself from doing so on that account. American humorists have been having a great time ever since the book came out. A cartoon in the latest *New Yorker* shows a woman saying over the telephone: "You'll be all right, dear. When I get home I'll move you into the sun. Now let me speak to the philodendron."

Philodendra seem specially sensitive. I let mine watch the election results on television last week and the next day it broke out in a rash of red flowers, though it reacted negatively to Alastair Burnet.

Tompkins warned me that a sequel to his book was in preparation "as soon as this one is sold out". It seems to me that writing books is a little like talking to plants. It is diverting for a time but is ultimately valuable only if you have something true and interesting to say.

Mixed metaphor of the week comes from London Broadcasting in "discussion about the economic situation. "British industry", said their analyst, "seems a rather sensitive plant, always rolling over on its back and kicking its legs in the air."



Today's contradictory sign was photographed at Butchart Gardens, British Columbia, by Dr Iain Adamson of Dundee University.

Orderly

In the bar of the Aylesford Priory, in Kent yesterday, the Friars, members of the Carmelite Order, joined reporters for sherry and shy small talk to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the return of the order to the site in 1949. Aylesford was first occupied by them in 1242. Yesterday was the first time the friars had entertained the press, and for some of them the ordeal may have been as taxing as that endured by their predecessors when, in 1538, officers of Henry VIII suppressed and dispersed them.

But Father Prior, the Very Rev Hugh Clarke, handled things without panic. No cigarettes were trodden out on the carpet. He said that his order had hired a public relations company because the Priory wanted people from all over England to go there on retreat and pilgrimage. There is accommodation for 50.

When Fr Clarke asked for questions, an expert on religious affairs asked first for a sherry and then for an explanation of the difference between the Carmelites and other orders. Said Fr Clarke: "It's very difficult to put it into words, but it is rather like telling the difference between brands of whisky. It would take a connoisseur to tell the difference in both cases."

Legs

Players of the Bristol City Football Club reported in Bath yesterday for training with the Northern Dance Theatre ballet company. The event attracted numerous photographers, four British television companies and two television teams from Holland, one of which brought the Dutch World Cup goalkeeper Jan Jongbloed to join in the performance.

The dancers took the field in leotards and woollen practice hose. The footballers, disappointingly, came on in regulation strip. The dance theatre's director, Laverne Meyer, put them through limbering-up exercises at the bar. the footballers teetered nervously and could not get their feet into the first position. Ernie Hunt, City's striker, shown an extending knees-bend, complained that he risked embarrassment as well as injury.

Hunt, who partnered the Northern Dance Theatre's new recruit from the Stuttgart Ballet, Elizabeth Parker, was the star turn, although he showed a tendency to turn the wrong way and to keel over. Miss Parker said that Hunt's strong point was lifting. His muscles were over-developed for classical dance, and his hamstrings were short. Hunt, beginning to swear, agreed.

Bristol's chief coach, Ken Winshurst, thought the ballet exercises were similar to those footballers used, but did not apply enough pressure. "You work all the time on the legs," he said. "This is what carries the legs", clutching at his midriff. "It all comes from here." He had his team lie on the floor and do violent jerks to show what he meant, and the male ballet dancers, striving to keep up, looked suitably exhausted.

Meyer said he had given the footballers relatively easy exercises in consideration of their replay with Liverpool today. The footballers did not think they had learnt anything new, although they agreed that balance and poise could be useful.

The photographers snapped footballers performing jetés, and holding agonized girl dancers in swallow-dive positions, and the management made arrangements for Bristol's team to see their company perform. "At its crudest, it's a publicity stunt", said the Arts Council man who dreamed it up. "The objective is to broaden the audience, and I think we should succeed."

Purple hills

Delegates at the United Nations in New York have a new distraction from their attempts to put the world right. It is a huge and gaudy tapestry of the Great Wall of China which has been presented by the Chinese delegation and hangs in the delegates' lounge. It quite dominates the room, serving as a reminder that China, so long excluded from the U.N., is now there in a big way.

In return for the tapestry, and an elaborate ivory carving of a railway bridge, the Chinese insisted on the removal of a tablet with a quotation from Confucius that has been at the U.N. since 1968.

The new tapestry is a v brash work with bright g hills in the foreground purple ones in the backgro all in brilliant sunshine. It about as different from t tional Chinese art as can imagined, and even has d small cars parked by the to illustrate its contempo character.

A touch of cruelty at RSPCA autumn fair at Che town hall tomorrow: ani will not be admitted.

Marksism

A few weeks ago we repor the result of some intervie we conducted, suggesting people did not read or lis to the news much. It was after the Mozambique dem strations and we asked th what the name Lourenco M ques meant to them. One pondent thought it was one the Marx brothers.

This seminal piece of search has been reprinted in *Rubezhom*, a weekly bull published in Moscow con ing significant extracts fr foreign newspapers. To readers understand the st *Za Rubezhom* explains Marx Brothers is "one of don's largest department chains".

Sir Michael Swann, the B chairman, produced the C poration's own program popularity chart at a lunch London yesterday. It was huge graph showing one line soaring upwards off paper ("that's Morecambe Wise") and another zooming the opposite direction ("you're down to the party tical broadcasts"). And a lomatic answer for some who asked him his favouri children."

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AMERICAN LEVERAGE ON TURKEY

he battle between President ord and Congress over Ameri- an aid to Turkey is to some xtent a new version of the attle over the Jackson Amend- ent. The dispute is not, in ther case, over the legitimacy using American economic d as a lever with which to fluence the policies of reign governments. Both sides plicitly accept that America is titled to expect political bene- ts from the aid she gives. The spute is a tactical one. The iministration, which has to deal rectly with foreign govern- ents, is more conscious of the nitations of leverage and tends feel that it is most effective used tacitly, or at least in ivate. Senators and Congress- en, whose main concern is with e American public, tend to pect more concrete and above more visible results; and even results are not achieved, they nt the public to see that they e trying.

The two attitudes are to some tent complementary. It is pro- bly much easier for the United ates government to put pres- re on foreign countries when is visibly resisting pressure in e same sense at home. Some- es, indeed, the existence of a ngressional lobby so obviously engthens the negotiating sition of the United States vernment (for instance in gotiations on removing barriers trade) that foreign govern- nts (especially those whose n political systems are very ferent from those of the United States) come to suspect it is all a put-up job.

The Turks have not so far made that mistake. Last Friday their foreign ministry put out a state- ment praising President Ford's attitude, and expressing the hope that "in the not too distant future the United States Congress will find the opportunity to look at these matters from an equally responsible angle".

The same statement made another point which is certainly not lost on the United States administration. It suggested that the aid given to Turkey by the United States is "not a favour", but a form of bilateral coopera- tion to which Turkey is making "at least the same contribution . . . for joint security within the framework of the alliance. This being so, the suspension of the aid is not a question concerning Turkey alone."

There is the rub. The United States does not give aid to Turkey out of disinterested phil- anthropy, nor even with a view to keeping Turkish troops out of Cyprus. It has been giving aid to Turkey for over twenty years —ie, since long before Turkish intervention in Cyprus became a serious possibility—in order to strengthen Turkey as a member of Nato occupying an absolutely crucial strategic position. As long as the West regards the Soviet Union as a threat, and as long as it regards the Middle East and the Mediterranean as areas of strategic importance, it is vir- tually obliged to keep Turkey as an ally and to make it as strong an ally as possible.

To this Senator Eagleton can reply that, if the purpose of United States aid is not to keep Turkey out of Cyprus, nor is it to help Turkey invade Cyprus; and that American weapons are hardly strengthening Turkey against the Soviet Union if the Turks are using them to entangle their forces elsewhere. These are valid points and ones which, one hopes, the American govern- ment is making as forcefully as possible in its private discussions with the Turkish government. But they cannot change the fact, of which the American govern- ment is well aware, that the Turkish-American relationship is a two-way one which neither side is anxious to sacrifice.

The Turks on their side must be aware that their armed forces are heavily dependent on Ameri- can ammunition which, if there were to be further large-scale fighting in Cyprus, or in Thrace and the Aegean, it might be politically difficult for the United States to keep on supplying. They are perhaps not sufficiently aware that the present situation in Cyprus, if left to fester for too long, could well degenerate to a point where further large-scale fighting would be likely. It is as important for Turkey as for Greece that the Denktash-Clerides talks should lead to a political settlement involving the with- drawal from Cyprus of Turkish and Greek forces. Mr Karamanlis has seen this, and has wisely given Mr Clerides a free hand. It is to be hoped that Ankara will allow Mr Denktash the same flexibility.

OPULAR DISCONTENTS IN KENYA

the Kenya elections four isters and six assistant minis- s have lost their assembly ts, but the ruling party, the nya African National Union, scooped all the seats. Kenya, Tanganyika, is one of the ican states which combine a party system with a consider- free-for-all at the hustings. some constituencies 10 loyal u party men stood against h other. The Government mphs but the electorate gets rtain choice.

may seem a curious way of venting, or moderating, party tribal factionalism; but it ks. At election time, popular ontent comes to the surface, notably the discontent of Kikuyu tribes against the of the Kikuyu on office, inistration and business. The paign is thus confined to l issues and personalities, which there is lively grass- s controversy and people are informed. The poll has been d and the campaign meetings attended and even requir- some police action. But the onal policy is decided by the President, Mzee Kenyatta and his cabinet, not by parties or elec- torates. The Government's long- standing and well-known critic, Mr Oginga Odinga, was not allowed to stand for a seat (though other parties are not specifically illegal).

This system, if far from what was demanded by nationalists in colonial days, keeps the President informed about public feeling and provides a safety-valve. But it leaves ministers in office, for the most part, and they cultivate the sweets of office assiduously. It must have surprised the President to have his foreign minister, Dr Njoroge Mungai, thrown out, though the accusations that he was too often abroad and too little in the constituency may have been rather unkind. Candidates known to be favoured by the establishment were in fact widely trounced. There is a feeling that ministers, and the Kenyan estab- lishment generally, never had it so good, and recent reports about the way the ruby mines affair has been handled certainly point to widespread corruption.

Corruption is just as rife else- where in Africa—but it is one virtue of Kenya that at election times such things can be said (if not printed). If corruption could generate a revolt, one could say that Kenya is verging on the con- dition of Nigeria before the Army coup of 1966. But the other cir- cumstances are quite different. The Kenyan army is small and faces a problem on its Somali front, while the President enjoys a reverence and following unusual even in Africa. Neverthe- less he must have been shaken by the fate of his old ally, the Emperor of Ethiopia.

For the moment Kenya is pros- perous, despite the impact of the oil crisis. But a world recession could hit its tourism, and the population growth is producing not only serious unemployment but grave land problems. The seizure of foreign Asian busi- nesses will not long appease discontent. The country needs to maintain an inflow of capital which has kept its economy expansive hitherto, but the out- look is obviously becoming very uncertain.

LIGHT IN THE WEST END

visitors from abroad think ain is in a sorry state, it may something to do with the that the first place most of n go is London's West End. the years pockets of the t famous area of this great have been allowed to decay. fact that similar metamor- ies have occurred elsewhere the Times Square, Broadway rict of New York, for example akes it no less distressing.

ne biggest disaster is, of se, Piccadilly Circus, around h confusion and argument revolved for 16 years since osals for its redevelopment first submitted. The latest roversy concerns Trust ies Forte's plans for the rion block on the south side e circus, which were recently oved by Westminster coun- planning committee and are to go before the full council . The scheme would retain n of the present façade, her with the entrance and torium of the Criterion re itself. Its opponents ide the minority Labour p on the council, a large on of the theatrical world, inevitably, the Save Picca- Campaign.

Piccadilly Circus is the worst by no means the only ple. Parts of Shaftesbury ue and Charing Cross Road n the sort of condition that, irmingham or Manchester, d qualify them for wholesale clearance. The Nash perpots" building in the d is empty and boarded up corrugated iron because owners, Coutts Bank, have been unable to reach agreement with Westminster council on plans for its partial reconstruc- tion.

The National Gallery is cur- rently giving space to a conten- tious exhibition of redevelopment plans for the south east corner of Trafalgar Square on either side of Northumberland Avenue. The owners, Land Securities and the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institu- tion, want to replace the present Victorian buildings with new offices. Although the proposed replacements are not, on the evidence of the drawings, immediately objectionable, it has been argued that they are unnecessary and will merely substitute expensive offices for relatively cheap ones. Objectors see a danger that, once the present buildings are demolished, the site will remain a "hole in the ground" for possibly several years, when there are already more than enough empty sites all over central London. On the other hand, if the plans are delayed another Piccadilly Circus situation may develop; the buildings, already grimy and badly in need of paint, may simply be allowed to decay from lack of attention.

The fact is that parts of the West End are suffering from an acute case of planning blight. For this the planners themselves must take a large part of the responsi- bility. But there are other culprits. Conservationists show a negative tendency to oppose any sort of redevelopment, when it is obvious that no city can live forever on its past. As for the developers themselves: the prin- cipal reason why some of the shabbier West End buildings are in their present state is that their owners hope, by running them down, to press local authorities into permitting profitable redeve- lopment.

At present buildings listed as being of special architectural or historic interest are protected from precipitate demolition by the legal requirement for the owner to seek consent from the Secretary of State for the Environment. Mr George Dobry, QC, as part of his report on development control, has already recommended that restrictions on demolition should be extended to all buildings, whether listed or not. With listed buildings, it has been found necessary in addition to protect them against destruc- tion through deliberate neglect by giving the local authority power to require essential repairs, and even to do the work itself and send the bill to the owner.

Where the site is of no special value, as with a country house, the trouble with such safeguards is that they may go unused unless the authority is prepared in the last resort to face a purchase notice and take over the dilapida- ted edifice itself. In London at present the case is more often one of a white elephant sitting on a gold-mine, and an owner would rather do anything than risk the loss of the site's development prospects. Some of their proposals may be of benefit to the life and appearance of London. But it is important that proposals should still be scrutinized with care and full public consultation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Conservatives after the election

From Mr J. R. V. Coutts

Sir, I found the effect of reading the leading article in today's *Times* (October 15) merely to strengthen my own conviction that at the moment there is no one better to lead the Conservatives than Mr Heath. There are two major draw- backs to dismissing Mr Heath at the present moment.

Firstly, as you by implication point out, the other candidates are probably of inferior ability in terms of parliamentary skill and in the respect that they would have to gain from both the Shadow Cabinet and at a future date a ministerial Cabinet.

Secondly, it must be extremely damaging to our country and to the Conservative Party that a television image should be thought to be more important than the actual ingredi- ents of leadership. Mr Heath's qualities of honesty, strength of purpose, clarity of thought and the ability to be farseeing in his judg- ment must surely be a rare com- bination of qualities to be found on either side of the House. It would be sad indeed that we have reached such a point of restless neurosis that we are prepared to jettison such a man, prompted by a character assassination campaign in the press. Certainly anyone taking over from Mr Heath would need to have almost supernatural qualities if they were to survive the same fate.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. V. COUTTS,
The Court Lodge,
Chelsfield,
Kent.
October 15.

'Brilliant campaign'

From Mr R. P. B. Barber

Sir, Ted Heath has fought a brilliant campaign for the best possible result for the Conservative Party. The middle class vote has rallied behind him, particularly in the marginals, to prevent a Labour landslide and Mr Wilson is left holding the baby with a three-seat majority.

No one party can unite the country; least of all the Labour Party, on the basis of their manifesto. Surely, we shall now see a national government formed within twelve months (possibly under Mr Cal- laghan ?), and a complete vindication of Ted Heath *and* his campaign strategy.

To lose his leadership now would be fatal to the Conservative Party, and would destroy the position of strength that has been prepared so carefully for the not-too-distant future.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BARBER,
Charlton Cottage,
Charlton Marshall,
Blandford, Dorset,
October 12.

Size of Labour majority

From Lord Beswick

Sir, Are you quite certain that the language you use in today's leader (October 12) will encourage that cohesive influence which, you often imply, the nation needs?

You assert that "it would have been very bad to have had a large Labour majority". Possibly, but if the British people had decided that way, by what authority does *The Times* say it would have been very bad?

You go on to say that a small Labour majority reminds you of the donkeys driven by certain Arabs to test the safety of paths through Libyan minefields. Really?

There is a current arrogance about press and TV commentary which cannot be for the national good. After all the votes were cast, and one would hope that unneces- sary controversy was stilled, Mr Robin Day did absolutely nothing else, for hours, but ro get one public figure to criticize another. What con- ceivable purpose is served by his offensive provocation at this time? The beams in the eyes of politicians may well need testing for integrity but ought not both press and TV consider a little more carefully their own motes?

Yours faithfully,
BESWICK,
House of Lords.
October 12.

Lesson for the Liberals

From Mr Richard Rowntree

Sir, It would be surprising if any party activist were to agree with all of your leader (October 12) on the results of the election. As a some- what maverick Liberal, I would con- cur with your tribute to Mr Heath, whose true stature may well become more apparent to both members of his own party and to the public generally as our national problems become more intense. I would also agree with your attribution of good intentions (albeit negatively) to the Government, but would question your fears of their inadequacy any- way in comparison to any other party based administration. Where I, in common with many, would share your pessimism is in the doubt as to whether any party government can hope to withstand the strains that lie ahead.

Yet I find your suggestion that Liberals may be regretting the re- jection of Mr Heath's February offer of coalition quite incredible. Can you really take the political views of Mr Bernard Levin so seriously in spite of the almost inordinate amount of space you allocate to them?

The serious mistake made by the Liberal Party was of quite another order. Having rightly rejected the anyway unworkable suggestion of a minority coalition with the defeated Conservatives in favour of an all party government to fight inflation, the Liberal Party should have con- centrated during the following months on determining the policies that such an administration could pursue in a limited term programme for national recovery. If it had done so, the recent election might well have taken an entirely different course. For just as there is no doubt about the general desire for an effec- tive united national approach to our problems, there was equally and rightly a rejection of coalition as a concept naked of policy content and seized on too late by the Conserva- tives as a final desperate bid to deny the Labour Party an overall majority.

Statistically the election was a clear rejection of both Socialism and Conservatism as the answer to the country's immediate problems. The Liberal Parliamentary Party has little cause for reproach and great opportunities for the constructive de- velopment of plans that may well be required sooner rather than later as the intensification of the crisis ham- mers home the lesson that in politics, as in economics, we are entering a new ball game.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD S. ROWNTREE,
Kingthorpe,
Pickering,
Yorkshire,
October 12.

Secrecy of the ballot

From Dr I. Hughes Hallett

Sir, Now that the dust of another general election has settled, I feel the time is opportune to highlight the fact that the ballot is not a secret one.

After arriving at the polling station and identifying oneself to the presiding officer, one's number in the electoral register is endorsed on the counterfoil of the ballot paper (which is also numbered) prior to voting. The ballot papers and counterfoils are subsequently lodged with the Lord Chancellor's Department to which access is avail- able only with a court order.

It is therefore possible to dis- cover how an individual voted. While it seems very unlikely this would happen in the United King- dom at the present time, one could nevertheless envisage a markedly different political situation where it might.

Little comfort is derived from the official explanation that "this is done solely to detect and prove abuses so that offenders may be punished", which implies that under special circumstances ballot paper and counterfoil could be matched up after an election.

Perhaps our electoral reformers may care to apply their minds to this problem.

Yours faithfully,
I. HUGHES HALLETT,
503 Clive Court, W9.
October 14.

Electoral reform

From Sir Leonard Behrens

Sir, In your today's issue (October 11) Lord Kahn wishes us to believe that the method of election by the single transferable vote "to most members of the electorate is quite unintelligible", and yet the elec- torate in the Republic of Ireland seems to understand it, and to refuse to return to the unrepresenta- tive system in use on this side of the Irish Sea, and prefers a system which gives voters a larger choice of candidates and avoids the "split vote".

Yours, etc,
LEONARD F. BEHRENS,
Netherby,
119 Barlow Moor Road,
Didsbury, Manchester.
October 11.

Identical vote

From Mr David Weekes

Sir, Perhaps the most remarkable single result in the election occurred at Ilford North, where the Conservative candidate Mr T. Ire- monger polled 19,843 votes—pre- cisely the same number cast for him in the February election. I imagine the odds against that happening must be astronomical.

However, Mr Iremonger lost the seat he had previously held.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID E. WEEKES,
40 Broadwalk, Snaresbrook, E18.
October 11.

Minefield ahead

From Mr Raymond Hitchcock

Sir, If we are to interpret correctly the analogy in your today's leader (October 12), then it would seem to be the Liberals who are now watching both Labour and Tory entering the minefield. For when about to negotiate a particularly dangerous area, the Libyan Arab found it prudent to drive not only his donkey in front of him but also his wife. It was always very much a three party affair.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND HITCHCOCK,
Abbot's Worthy Mill,
Winchester, Hampshire.
October 12.

Contingency plans for Ulster

From Mr Stratton Mills

Sir, What are the implications of the General Election results in Northern Ireland, taken in conjunction with the events of the past year? The July White Paper commits HMG to holding elections for a convention of representatives of the people of Northern Ireland to "produce recommendations which command majority and *widespread* support from its members". In my view it is now absolutely clear that such a Convention will not be able to produce proposals based on "wide- spread support".

The election has shown polariza- tion of the communities on a massive scale, giving the Loyalists 58.1 per cent and the SDLP, Republicans and Mr Maguire 29 per cent—a sectarian head count! Unhappily the pro- Union middle ground has been largely swept away, and it is sad to see how little electoral coopera- tion there was between the Faulkner Unionists (2.9 per cent of the total vote, standing in 2 seats), Northern Ireland Labour Party (1.6 per cent in 3 seats) and Alliance (6.4 per cent in 5 seats). As a member of the Alliance Party it seems to me that small as its vote was it is based on real foundations and will survive, while the other two elements will disappear.

Looking ahead, in the Convention elections the Loyalists will have a clear and comfortable overall majority, their mood will not be one of compromise but rather of imposing their own solution, while the SDLP's election manifesto, and their support of Mr Maguire in Fermanagh and South Tyrone seems to demonstrate a much harder line. Yet I still believe there can be no hope of any stability in Northern Ireland unless there is an acceptable compromise based on real power- sharing at Executive level, together with a British dimension and some form of an Irish dimension.

Now is surely the time to question the basis of HMG's approach in using such a vehicle as a constitutional Convention as a method of producing a compromise solution. It is bound to fail, and when it collapses it seems to me that the Loyalists and HMG will be tragically set on an inevitable collision course with the most frightening consequences looming ahead.

What then is the alternative? As one who supported the proposals for a power-sharing Executive when I was at Westminster, I fear that one has got to accept at the present time, after five years' continuous violence and with massive polariza- tion, that one has no chance of finding a political solution "based on widespread support". Yet at some time in the future it is pos- sible the atmosphere might be much more fertile.

Let's recognize the realities— direct rule must continue for a period of several years, and at the appropriate time another initiative must be taken to find a political solution. I believe that the ordin- ary people, as distinct from the power-hungry politicians, would be prepared to accept continuing direct rule for a limited period, if means can be found to make it much closer to the day to day life of Northern Ireland and to provide efficient government.

How can this be done? It is essential that much more effective means be found at Westminster for dealing with Northern Ireland legislation and Parliamentary Ques- tions—this is perfectly possible. Furthermore, the day to day Gov- ernment should be carried out by a Commission presided over by the Secretary of State—there are three possible types of Commission:

(1) An appointed Advisory Com- mission of Northern Ireland people —this was tried in 1972 and in my view it was not particularly effec- tive, in that it suffered from being both advisory and appointed.

(2) An elected Commission—this would be say 15-18 members elected on a PR basis, taking Northern Ire- land as a single constituency, so that it would at least be truly representative. Could the politi- cians be persuaded to work together? To what extent would it be advisory, or would it be pos- sible to give it certain executive responsibilities? Could it have powers to deal with certain devolved legislation?

(3) A Commission of non-political people—an appointed commission involving as much talent as possible. Probably it would be mostly civil servants, but perhaps with some business, university and trade union elements. Would it be best to have such people from outside Northern Ireland, or a mixture? Such com- missioners would make no pretence of being representative, but might be given a widespread executive role with a mix of the powers assumed by the Ministerial and Civil Service heads of a Department —eg, a Commissioner for Finance, Agriculture, Commerce, etc.

It seems to me that a Commission of types (2) or (3) above is the kind of contingency plan that should now be examined.

Yours faithfully,
STRATTON MILLS,
20 Callender Street,
Belfast.
October 13.

Relief work in Africa

From Mr Juergen Hilke

Sir, The Club of Ten, through a half-page advertisement in your issue of October 14, asks why the World Council of Churches does not do more to tackle the problem of starvation in the world. We are, of course, aware of the inadequacy of the 2.5 million dollars used by the World Council of Churches in the Sahel to assist famine victims to build a more secure future, or the 14 million dollars spent in Bangla- desh to aid a country struggling for its life, or the 250,000 dollars given to care for drought victims in Ethiopia or the 2.5 million dollars used to create the possibility of new life in the Sudan.

That is why a special WCC study was commissioned into the fact behind the world food crisis and why our representatives will be at the world food conference next month. They will underline the Churches' concern for the millions who are suffering and dying at this moment and press for increased food pro- duction alongside a redistribution of the world's food resources to feed the needy instead of overfeed the already fat. We look forward to the day when the Club of Ten decides to use its financial resources in the struggle against hunger and for justice rather than in misleading newspaper advertisements.

Yours faithfully,
JUERGEN HILKE, Director,
Department of Communication,
World Council of Churches,
Geneva.

Fro the Rev Dr Ernest A. Payne CH

Sir, Many will have read with surprise, distaste and concern the advertisement from the "Club of Ten" in your issue today (October 14). "Knocking" advertisements are not usually accepted. The language of this one is tendentious and mis- leading to say the least. To try to make political capital out of des- perate human need is objectionable and reprehensible.

Ever since the serious situation in the drought-affected areas of Sahel and Ethiopia developed, the World Council of Churches through its Inter-Church Aid unit and the Commission for Participation in Development has been channelling substantial help to these regions in both money and personnel. It will continue to do this, as well as trying to meet urgent needs in other parts of the world.

To pit the massive relief and development work of the WCC against the Special Fund to Combat Racism is unworthy and can do no good to the friends of South Africa. The Special Fund, as should now be well known, consists of voluntary contributions from Churches and individuals earmarked for the specific purpose of small grants to organizations working against racial discrimination. It is not and may not be used for "guns" or "bombs".

The headquarters of the WCC in Geneva or those of Christian Aid in this country will gladly receive and transmit gifts for the needy areas of Central Africa.

Yours,
ERNEST A. PAYNE,
President of the World Council of Churches,
Elm Cottage,
Manor Road,
Pitsford,
Northants.
October 14.

A patient's last days

From Dr Richard Lamerton

Sir, Lord Platt said that if he becomes "senile, demented, incon- tinent, and a nuisance and expense" he hopes to meet Sister McTavish. It does not follow that a person so afflicted is a nuisance, and of course expense is irrelevant. With good care, senile people can be dignified, contented and a pleasure to serve.

Where care is not good, two possible courses are open to the nation: channel resources to the areas of need, and improve our care, or kill the people who are an inconvenience. Change is cer- tainly needed, but in which direction do we want to move?

I fear that the involuntary euthe- nasia which Lord Platt commends would create more social problems than it solved.

With respect,
RICHARD LAMERTON, Chairman,
Human Rights Society,
27 Walpole Street, SW3.

Sentencing policy

From Mr Clive Davies

Sir, Dr Keith Hawkins (October 3) gives three reasons why penal sen- tences should be determinate and imposed by the judiciary rather than indeterminate and controlled by the executive. May I add two more?

First, most serving prisoners hate them: it is much easier to adjust to a fixed period of time, even a rela- tively long one, than to be kept in a state of suspense. Nearly every- one who has "done time" at approved schools and borstals, or, for that matter, as a prisoner on remand, emphasizes the psychologi- cal strain imposed by the uncertainty. And while admittedly penal sentences are not meant to be enjoyed by those undergoing them, there is no evidence that indeterminate sentences produce higher "success rates" (if anything the reverse is true), so that the imposition of suffering is gratuitous.

Secondly, for all their faults, magistrates and judges have the great merit of doing their work in open court, where the defendant's family and friends have a right to be present at the proceedings, and the press to report and criticize. This, I suspect, is in practice an even more important safeguard against excessive severity or leniency, bias, stupidity, inefficiency and laziness than the "procedural safeguards" (such as the right to appeal, the right to be represented and so on) of which Dr Hawkins speaks. Executive discretion is exercised behind closed doors.

Yours sincerely,
CLIVE DAVIES,
The University, Liverpool.

Red Thing at the opera

From Lady Antonia Fraser

Sir, How lucky Mr Bernard Levin was, on the opening night of Covent Garden's new *Rheingold*, to hear the famous E Flat stealing at him out of the darkness. All I heard— and I was only three rows behind him—was the loud whirr of a cinema projector. This was noisily engaged in creating a flickering Red Thing, part of the novel scenery for the opening. As Wagner's instructions contain no demand for a flickering Red Thing, could not this undesir- able home movie touch be dispensed with in future productions? Or at least let the projector go more silently about its work, which, even in an expensive new production, is still rather less important than that of the orchestra.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONIA FRASER,
52 Campden Hill Square, W8.

'gious broadcasting

the Revd Michael Saward

According to Canon Frank it's view (September 30) it seem that both *Snow White Camberwick Green* should y as "religious" material ntly suited for transmission on sion in the religious broad- g slots. Sir Lew Grade will be ited at the news.

wever, while I respect the isness of Canon Wright's es, I cannot help but believe ie and those of his colleagues field of religious broadcasting hare the same convictions are ging the credibility of the idea of religious broadcasting talking balderdash in the ss.

far wiser guide is the Arch- bishop of Canterbury who set out what ought to be regarded as the definitive word on the subject at a religious broadcasting consultation sponsored by the then ITA in 1968. He urged religious producers to "depict human problems just as they are, human situations just as they are, arouse interest in them as human situations and then see what the Christian faith can do with those situations in a practical way, not only by giving an ethical answer, but also by bringing something supernatural on to the human scene that alters the whole human per- spective and enables the whole human problem to be tackled".

Here at least is recognition that there has to be something *super- natural* brought on to the scene (however subtly) to turn a story or a programme from simply being a moral tale (however worthy and instructive) into one which can properly be described as "religious".

Sadly, after five years of working as the Church of England's Radio and Television Officer, I came to the conclusion that a substantial number of those involved in the making of religious broadcasting were quite unwilling to listen to the Archbishop's brilliantly pithy state- ment and to act on it. It is hardly therefore surprising that so many clergy and laity continue to express great dissatisfaction with certain areas of so-called religious broad- casting which are based on nothing more substantial than the Wright (or should it be the wrong) view.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SAWARD,
St Matthews Vicarage,
2 Clancarty Road, SW6.

The tax man cometh

From Mr Ernest Hall

Sir, I do not in the least mind being added (together, I imagine with most —if not all—of the staff of *The Times*) to Mr Douglas-Home's list of charities. In the past, far better men than me would have been delighted to have acquired such a wealthy patron.

Mr Douglas-Home deserves full marks for his arithmetic but could he not, perhaps, be confusing "price" with "value"?

His undoubted skills are extremely rare and therefore command an extremely high price in the open market. My own are in far greater supply but are still sufficiently un- common for me to be able to demand for them a considerably higher price than can be obtained for the skills of those who perform dull, mono- tonous but absolutely essential tasks in factories, offices and shops or in sweeping streets and emptying dust- bins.

The people of this country, through their elected representa- tives, have decided over many years of governments of different political persuasions that the price that Mr Douglas-Home and I receive for our services does not represent their true value to the community. The tax collector is their agent charged with the task of redressing the balance.

Like Mr Douglas-Home, I do not enjoy reading communications from HM Inspector of Taxes. I try how- ever to regard him as an essentially kind-hearted and strictly non-violent Robin Hood rather than as a selfish and malevolent Dick Turpin.

Yours faithfully,
ERNEST HALL,
88 Dudley Road,
Clacton-on-Sea,
Essex.
October 13.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 15: The Right Hon Harold Wilson (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon declared open the Fleet Air Arm Museum Exhibition at the Royal Exchange, City of London, in aid of the museum development project at Yeovilton.

Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival by the President, Appeals Committee (Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips later, as President of The Save the Children Fund, attended a Fashion Show at Guildhall organized by the London Branches Committee in aid of the Fund.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Hugh Wontner) and the Chairman, Fashion Show (Mrs Philip Rimell).

Miss Rowena Brassey was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the Girl Guides Association, this morning attended a Meeting of the Executive Committee at Headquarters, Buckingham Palace Road.

The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, as President of the Friends of the Elderly, this afternoon visited Bernard Sunley Home, Woking. Mrs Jocelyn Stevens was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 15: The Duke and Duchess of Kent today visited The Queen's Flight at RAF Benson.

Their Royal Highnesses, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, were attended by Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, and Mrs Alan Henderson.

Memorial services for Lieutenant-Colonel Norman Colville will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W1, on Wednesday, October 23, at 11.30 am, and at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Launceston, Cornwall, on Sunday, November 3, at 3 pm.

Mr Derek P. F. Wheatley, a barrister, is to take up an appointment with Lloyds Bank Limited to succeed the legal adviser, Mr F. C. L. Bell, when he retires.

The infant daughter of Mr John and Lady Juliet Townsend was christened Alice Jane at St James's Church, Newbottle, on Sunday, October 13, by the Rev F. Martin Argyle. The godparents are the Hon Nicholas Berry, Mr David Norman, the Hon Mrs Simon Lennox-Boyd, Mrs John Carleton Paget and the Hon Mrs Breyer (for whom Mrs David Backhouse stood proxy).

Forthcoming marriages

Hon Christopher Needham and Signorina M. Malvezzi

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place shortly in Milan, between Christopher, second son of the Earl and Countess of Kilmorey, of Via San Leonardo 32, Florence, and Marina, elder daughter of Dott and Signora Malvezzi, of Milan.

Mr R. D. Courtenay and Miss S. A. Rudkin

The engagement is announced between Robin, only son of Mr and Mrs Donald Courtenay, of Courtlands, Richmond, Surrey, and Sarah Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Rudkin, of Ladycroft, Marsh Lane, Mill Hill, NW7.

Mr C. J. Pitt-Lewis and Miss J. R. Tucker

The engagement is announced between Christopher John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Pitt-Lewis, of Monmouth, and Janet Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Tucker, of Sawston, Cambridgeshire.

Mr T. N. A. Telford and Miss S. D. Angus

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs T. H. Telford, of Eccleston, Cheshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Angus, of Oxton, Birkenhead.

Mr D. G. A. Gordon and Miss C. d'Orey Landsberg

The engagement is announced between Douglas George Alexander, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Douglas Gordon, DSO, Penpol House, nr Truro, and Suzanne Lady Douglas Gordon, 8 Bentinck Mansions, Bentinck Street, W1, to Celina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Landsberg, of Rio de Janiero, Brazil.

Mr I. McEwan and Miss B. Battarbee

The engagement is announced between Ian McEwan, only son of Mr and Mrs I. R. Wylie, of 37 Devere Gardens, W8, and Bobby, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Battarbee, of Pointside, Helford, Cornwall.

Mr P. A. B. Prag and Miss S. P. Fox

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs A. Prag, of Harcourt Hill, Oxford, and Susan, daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs L. Fox, of Kiln Cottage, Hook, Hampshire.

Mr C. P. B. Purchas and Miss B. V. M. Vaughan

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of the Hon Sir Francis and Lady Purchas, of the Thatched House, Roundwood Lane, Haywards Heath, Sussex, and Bronwen, second daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Vaughan, DSO, DL, and Mrs Vaughan, of Showborough House, near Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.



This year's Christmas stamps, to be issued on November 27, will feature photographs of cathedral and church bosses by Mr Nicholas Serviem.

Memorial services

Sir Philip d'Ambrumenil

A memorial service for Sir Philip d'Ambrumenil was held at St Peter-upon-Cornhill, City, yesterday. The Rev Alan J. N. Cook officiated, and Mr Paul Dixey, chairman of Lloyd's, read the lesson.

Professor C. J. Fordyce

A memorial service for Professor Christian James Fordyce was held yesterday in the university memorial chapel, Glasgow University. The Rev L. A. Ritchie, chaplain to the university officiated, assisted by the Rev Allan D. Galloway, professor of divinity. Professor Robert A. Rankin, clerk of senate, read the lesson and Sir Charles Wilson, principal and vice-chancellor, gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Fordyce (widow), Miss Phyllis Ghilcott (sister-in-law); Lady Wilson, Sir Malcolm Knox, Professor Ian Campbell (professor of humanity, Edinburgh University), the Very Rev Archibald Craig, Mgr James Scanlan, Miss H. Leach (British Council) and members and former members of the court and senate and officers of Glasgow University.

Marriages

Mr S. de Chair and Juliet Marchioness of Bristol

The marriage took place quietly in London yesterday between Mr Somerset de Chair, of St Osyth's Priory, Essex, son of the late Admiral Sir Dudley and Lady de Chair, and Juliet Marchioness of Bristol, of Falconers, Box, Wiltshire, only daughter of the late eighth Earl Fitzwilliam and Olive Countess Fitzwilliam, of Coollattin, co Wicklow, Republic of Ireland.

A reception was held at Post House, Strand-on-the-Green.

Dr G. W. Hall and Mrs M. E. Skinner

The marriage took place quietly on October 12 at All Saints', Faringdon, between Dr Geoffrey Hall and Mrs Margaret Skinner.

Requiem Mass

Sir Hugh Ellis-Rees

Requiem Mass for Sir Hugh Ellis-Rees was concelebrated by the Right Rev Gerald Mahon, the Very Rev Charles Napier and Father Wilfrid Tighe at Brompton Oratory yesterday. Mr Tom Burns, editor, *The Tablet*, gave an address. Among others present were:

Lady Ellis-Rees (widow), Mr and Mrs Hugh Ellis-Rees (son and daughter-in-law), James and William Ellis-Rees (grandchildren), the Hon Mrs Douglas Woodruff, the Hon Lady Hood, Sir David Scott Fox (representing the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Sir John Balfour, Lady (John) Colson, Sir George Rendel, Sir Keith and Lady Unwin, Lady Pink, Lady Pilditch, Sir Edward and Lady Warner, Lady (Arthur) Palliser, Sir William and Lady Harpham, Sir Frank and Lady Figgures, Lady (Alan) Dudley, Baroness Schell, Mrs Tom Burns, Miss J. Sarsfield (director Servite Houses) with Miss S. Brandon-Thomas (committee of management, Servite House, Ealing) and Miss M. Milnes Walker.

Mr Donald Tebbit (representing the Diplomatic Service), Mr Robin Hood and Mr Noel Charles (CMEOD), Mrs M. Baxter (hon secretary, Anglo-Spanish Society), Miss M. Hallas, Mrs Peter Hobbs, Mr Lawrence P. Redmond Roche, Mr and Mrs Frank Lee Johnson, Mr Marcus Hill, Miss R. Rendel, Mr and Mrs Alexander Eldin, Mr J. Yencken, Mr D. J. Dunnett, Mr and Mrs J. P. Keane, Miss Mildred Nevile, Mr M. W. Rapinet, Mr R. A. Shortis, Mrs Guy Randell, Mr A. Brar, Mr F. Shortis, Mrs F. W. Chambers, Mr G. Parmiter, Mrs P. E. Annett, Miss Diana Magkill, Miss M. L. Dudley Ann, Father Francis McEnerney, OSM.

Authorities have chance to lose name for bad taste

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

By laying greater emphasis on aesthetics, the new local authorities have a splendid opportunity to exorcize the ghost of local government's reputation, by no means always deserved, as a philistine institution.

Dr A. H. Marshall, chairman of the Arts Council drama panel and a member of the main council, says this in a booklet newly published on local authorities and the arts.

He says the arts field offers the local authority an almost unique sphere in which to exercise influence, provided members and officers can overcome their inhibitions and suspicions about the sort of projects they are asked to support.

They have to accept "the artist's questioning outlook and disinclination to regard official pronouncements as sacrosanct". At the same time, Dr Marshall says, those involved with the arts have on their part to appreciate the local councillor's responsibilities and constraints and come to terms with the bureaucratic mind, "not always an open book to the innovating, creative spirit".

Dr Marshall's booklet, with the advent of the new authorities and the leisure and recreation officer, contains useful advice to both sides.

He is conscious of local authorities' fear of hostile public reaction, in particular allegations that moral standards are being endangered by activities sponsored and assisted from the rates.

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Dr Marshall, who has much experience in local government studies at university level and in arts administration, puts the other side too.

"Cultural aims", he says, "have one great advantage; they can often be pursued at relatively little cost. Few artistic enterprises are sufficiently large to be dominating items in the local budget; many involve only trifling demands upon resources.

"They have, however, an outstanding disability: they are so difficult to evaluate that they have largely to be taken on trust."

Local Government and the Arts (Institute of Local Government Studies, University of Birmingham, PO Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT; 75p).

Luncheon

Pipeline Industries Guild

The annual luncheon of the Pipeline Industries Guild was held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms. Dr A. W. Pearce, president of the guild, was in the chair, assisted by Mr C. W. Osborn, chairman.

Service luncheon

1933-34 Staff College Camberley

The annual reunion luncheon of the 1933-34 Staff College Camberley Term was held yesterday at the Naval and Military Club. Brigadier John Hunt presided.

Dinners

Glovers' Company

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies were present at the annual dinner of the Glovers' Company held yesterday evening at the Manston House. The Master, Mr Philip D. Froomberg, presided, in company with Mr F. I. R. M. Spry, Renter Warden, and Mr E. V. Hawtin and Mr D. P. L. Antill, Under Wardens.

Institute of Fuel

The Institute of Fuel held their annual dinner at the Europa Hotel last night. The president, Mr F. E. Ireland, HM Chief Alkali and Clean Air Inspector, was in the chair, and the principal guests were, Professor P. J. Lawther, director, Air Pollution Unit, MRC, and Mrs Lawther.

Eleven Club

The Eleven Club held a dinner last night at the Dorchester hotel in honour of Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis. Sir John Clark was in the chair, and others present included:

Mr Norman Collins, Mr Michael Colston, Mr Stephen Fealaugh, Mr James Fielding, Sir Peter Foster, Lord Gray of Naunton, Mr R. J. Guppy, Colonel Juan Hobbs, Mr Michael Ivens, Mr P. B. Kavanagh, Sir Geoffrey Kitchen, Mr Eric Knight, Mr W. E. Luke, Sir Ian Lyle, Lord Renwick, Mr J. Stardit, Mr W. M. Vernon and Sir Dick White.

Josephine Baker to head variety show

Josephine Baker the American singer, is to top this year's Royal Variety show before Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on November 18, Sir Bernard Delfont, who has presented the Royal Variety since 1959, said yesterday.

Appearing with her will be Perry Como, the Paper Lace pop group, the Hungarian State Dance Company, the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Roy Castle, Billy Dainty, Ted Rogers and Paul Melba and George Carl the acrobat and clown.

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Sale of dolls brings unexpected prices

Dolls fetched unexpectedly high prices at Christie's yesterday, totalling £25,332, in a sale that included talking machines, musical boxes and toys as well as dolls. A Parisienne by Bru with blue eyes, a smiling mouth and a gusseted kid body was sold for £787.50 (Devine).

An unusual automaton fetched £575.50, and a musical automaton by Jumeau £420 (Wallop).

Among the musical boxes there was an interchangeable cylinder overture box by Nicole Frères, which was sold for £840 to a private buyer who also paid £525 for a harmony musical box. An unusual chamber barrel-organ of Gothic design with simulated organ pipes at the front by Christopher Gerock went to the same buyer for £735.

A sale of Victorian drawings and watercolours made £16,967. It included a watercolour by George John Pinwell, "In a Garden", which brought £787.50 (M. Bryan).

At Phillips, a large seventeenth-century Brussels tapestry, representing Rubens displaying his painting of the Judgment of Solomon, was sold for £2,800 (Alex). The tapestry, 16ft 10in by 9ft, is part of an important collection which Phillips are spreading through various sales this month. Furniture prices were buoyant in the same sale, £1,000 being paid by Spencer for a late Georgian mahogany break-front library book case. The sale totalled £29,007.

In a sale of arms and armour a pair of cannon-barrelled flintlock pistols by Isaac Smith, dating from about 1750, were sold for £1,050 (Petty). The sale totalled £17,478.

At Sotheby's a sale of arms and armour from the Tower of London realized a total of £33,570. Dr I. Parsons bought a complete composite suit of German fluted armour of about 1520-1540 for £2,800, and another complete suit of sixteenth-century German armour for £2,700.

Hubner gave £2,500 for a complete horse armour in German Maximilian fluted style.

A sale of modern sporting guns, antique firearms, armour and edged weapons totalled £43,910.

The second part of a sale of atlases, Americana, and historical documents realized £43,119, making a total of £70,068. An important and apparently unrecorded archive of the papers of Brigadier-General John Forbes concerning his operations against the French in 1758 went to a private English collector for £19,000.

Sotheby's also sold Chinese hardstone carving and export porcelain for a total of £168,806 and a collection of books on arms and armour for £10,969.

A total of £48,189 was realized in a two-day country house sale completed yesterday by Humbert, Flint, Rawlence and Squarey at The Close, Hatch Beauchamp, near Taunton, Somerset.

Correction

In the weekly list of Premium Bond winners on October 14 a £1,000 winning number should have read 9WS397951, not 8WS397951.

OBITUARY

DOM ANSELM HUGHES

Authority on medieval music

Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas writes:—

Dom Anselm Hughes, who had been an Anglican Benedictine monk at Nashdown for 52 years and who died on October 8 at the age of 85, was a leading authority on medieval music and played a big part in freeing Anglican worship from sentimentality and mawkishness. A stream of scholarly works in musicology flowed from his pen, he contributed valuable articles to *Grove's Dictionary*, and he was selected to edit volumes 2 and 3 of the *New Oxford History of Music*.

Humphrey Vaughan Hughes, as he was christened, was born in 1889 and educated at Westminster and Keble College, Oxford. He went to Ely Theological College before being ordained and served curacies in London before becoming in 1915 Clerical Secretary of the Society of the Faith. This had been founded just before the First World War by the brothers C. E. and J. A. Douglas, and Hughes made it, and especially its subsidiary company, the Faith Press, the vehicle for his reforming ideas in music. The Press remained for him a main interest to the end of his days, but in 1922 he was professed at Nashdown and from 1935 to 1945 he was Prior. He was much gratified at the jubilee of his profession to receive a message of congratulation from Pope Paul.

MR A. E. H. ELKINGTON

Sir Angus Gillan, KBE, CMG, writes:

Members of the old Anglo-Egyptian Sudan Government would not like the services of A. E. H. Elkington, who died recently, to pass without recognition. His long life covered a multitude of activities—active service in the First World War, business experience in London, and a period with the Civil Service. He joined the Finance Department of the Sudan Government in 1927 and retired in 1944 as Director of Customs.

But it is his work, after retirement, on the Sudan Government British Pensioners' Association which most of us will remember with particular and personal gratitude. He was a member of the committee from the beginning and his patient wrestling with relevant facts and figures could always be depended on in the lengthy negotiations for recognition by HMG.

Shy, and a very modest man to outward appearances, "Elk", as he was known to his Sudan friends, had the warmest of hearts, and under a serious manner lay a witty and impish sense of humour. He will be missed by many more than he himself would reckon.

Sir Lucius O'Brien, who was first Chairman of the Northern Ireland Housing Trust from 1945 to 1960, has died in Belfast aged 78. He was a member of the ITA from 1960 to 1965.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr E. A. Seeley to be president of the Industrial Tribunals (England and Wales) from November 1, succeeding Sir Diarmaid Conroy who becomes full-time chairman of Industrial Tribunals for Southampton to allow him more time for the judicial work of the tribunals and to be less occupied with administration.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, October 15, 1949

Windsor village

Windsor, Oct 14.—A new, though small, village has sprung up in the past year or so in Windsor Great Park. It is situated immediately behind the Prince Consort's workshops and it owes its existence to the King.

About 12 years ago some 50 new houses were provided on the estate, but as there were still many men who had to cycle each day from as far away as Windsor, Ascot, and Bracknell, it was decided to create a centre for all employees on the estate.

Plans were prepared in 1938, but the war prevented any accomplishment. As soon afterwards as the necessary materials and licences could be obtained, the work was begun and is now virtually complete. There are 14 pairs of houses in a horseshoe design incorporating some older houses built at the beginning of the century. In the centre of the horseshoe is the village green.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev K. R. Cheeseman, curate of St James with St Augustine's Beckenham, diocese of Rochester, to be Vicar of St Augustine's, Belvedere, same diocese.

Canon E. J. C. Haselden, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Leamington and Rural Dean of Leamington, diocese of Coventry and honorary canon of Coventry Cathedral, to be Vicar of Lymington, diocese of Winchester.

The Rev G. Rowson, Vicar of St Chad's, Over, diocese of Chester, to be also Rural Dean of Middlewich, same diocese.

The Rev A. R. Lowe, curate of Thurcroft, Rotherham, diocese of Sheffield, to be priest-in-charge of St Mary's, Sheffield, same diocese.

The Rev E. Lucas, Vicar of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds with Wysall and priest-in-charge of Widmerpool, diocese of Southwell, to be Rector of the Church of the Saviour, Collyhurst, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev M. W. Turner, Vicar of St Paul's, Alverthorpe, diocese of Wakefield, to be Vicar of Shalton and Oxon, diocese of Lichfield.

Diocese of Chelmsford

Canon R. P. Chalmers, Rector of Fallowfield, in the diocese of Manchester, to be priest-in-charge of Epping Upland, and communications officer in the diocese.

The Rev R. C. Lozar, Vicar of St Mary Magdalen with St Alban's, East Ham, to be Vicar of Hatfield Peverel.

The Rev R. C. Williams, Rector of Sheering, to be Rector of Stapleford Tawney with Theydon Mount.

Diocese of Gloucester

The Rev R. E. Gleed, Rector of Shipton Oliffe with Shipton Sollars, to be Rector of Avening.

The Rev G. Hazlewood, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Yeovil, diocese of Bath and Wells to be Vicar of Westbury.

The Rev W. J. Walker, Vicar of St Luke's Kingston, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar of Mickleton.

Diocese of Guildford

The Rev G. J. Curtis, BBC radio religious programmes producer for schools, to be priest-in-charge of Gatswood and communications officer in the diocese.

The Rev J. P. H. Tyrell, until recently chaplain to Hongkong Cathedral, to be Vicar of St Francis's, Westborough, Guildford.

Diocese of Hereford

The Rev W. C. Massey, Vicar of Kimbolton with Middleton-on-the-Hill and Hamnish, to be Vicar of Alveley.

The Rev R. W. M. Skinnar, Rector of Holy Trinity, Ayr, diocese of Glasgow, to be priest-in-charge of Condover.

Diocese of Leicester

The Rev S. A. Jackson, Rector of Aylestone and the Rev E. W. Platt, Vicar of Hinckley, to be honorary canons of Leicester Cathedral.

Diocese of London

The Rev E. A. Burton, curate of Addlestone, to be Vicar of All Souls, Harlesden.

The Rev J. N. Luscombe, curate of St Matthias', Stoke Newington, to be Vicar of St Philip's, Tottenham.

Diocese of Norwich

The Rev W. P. Hedgcock, priest-in-charge of Field Dalling and Saxlingham, to be also adviser on scientific responsibilities to the Bishop of Norwich.

The Rev J. Haley, Vicar of East and West Rudham, and priest-in-charge of Houghton-next-Harpley, to be Vicar of St Edmund's, Hunstanton.

The Rev W. C. Snook, curate of Macclesfield, diocese of Chester, to be Rector of Postwick.

Diocese of Salisbury

The Right Rev J. R. G. Neale, Bishop Suffragan of Ramsbury, to be also Archdeacon of Wiltshire.

Canon R. L. Sharp, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Weymouth, and Rural Dean of Weymouth, to be Archdeacon of Dorset.

The Rev J. Affleck, curate of St Peter's, Hatton, diocese of Chelmsford, to be priest-in-charge of Hawkchurch with Fishpond, and of Bettiscombe with Pilsdon and Marshwood.

The Rev M. J. Bennett, curate of All Saints', Portland, to be Vicar of St John's, Portland.

The Rev P. C. Nicholson, Vicar of St John's, Hoveton, diocese of Norwich, to be Vicar of Lyme Regis.

The Ven C. Plaxton, Archdeacon of Wilts, who is to retire on November 30, to be Archdeacon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral.

The Ven E. Seager, Archdeacon of Dorset, who is to retire on December 31, to be Archdeacon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral. He will continue as Vicar of Gillingham.

Diocese of Sodor and Man

The Rev G. Gregory, curate of Emmanuel, Hastings, diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar of St Ninian's.

The Rev L. Hayes, Vicar of Jurby and Chaplain of St Jude's, to be Vicar of Braddan.

Diocese of Southwark

The Rev D. F. Moody, Team Vicar of Catford and Downham, to be Vicar of St Richard's, Ham.

The Rev G. D. Shaw, Team Vicar of East Runcorn with Halton and a member of the Runcorn Ecumenical Team Ministry, diocese of Chester, to be Team Vicar of Thamesmead and a member of the Thamesmead Christian Community Ecumenical Team.

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Receptions

Department of Trade

Mr Eric Deakins, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a reception held at Lancaster House last night in honour of delegates to the meeting of international contractors.

Royal Society of Medicine

The president of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Stallworthy, received the guests at a reception held last evening at Chandos House for members of council and of the finance and general purposes committee and their ladies.

British Atlantic Committee

Sir Frank Roberts, president of the British Atlantic Committee, and Lady Roberts were hosts at a reception held last night at the Martini Terrace to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Nato. Among the guests were representatives of both Houses of Parliament, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Ministry of Defence and Channel Command, United States naval forces in Europe and members of the British Atlantic Committee.

Law Report October 15 1974 — Court of Appeal

Prison sentence on shoplifter grossly excessive

Regina v Mark

Before Lord Justice James, Mr Justice Shaw and Mr Justice Michael Davies

It is wrong to say that a person receiving a suspended prison sentence might be getting away with it altogether, Lord Justice James said when allowing a shoplifter's appeal against sentences which were "wrong in principle, grossly excessive and harsh".

The appeal was brought by Mrs Carol Ann Mark, aged 25, against concurrent sentences of six months' imprisonment suspended for two years, fines totalling £240 and orders to pay £25 towards costs of prosecution after she had pleaded guilty at Northampton Crown Court (Judge Irvine) last January to three counts of theft from shops. A further order for her to pay £50 contribution to the legal aid costs of her defence was ordered to stand.

Mr J. S. Coward for the appellant.

LORD JUSTICE JAMES said that the appellant had appeared at the Crown Court not at her request but because she was involved in the same set of circumstances as a co-accused who was committed for trial under section 1 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1967.

The appellant had agreed to accompany her co-accused, Patricia Ann Spencer, to Northampton to see a friend. The friend did not turn up, and they looked round the shops. Mrs Spencer, who had previously been before the court for shoplifting, decided to shoplift. The appellant, who was under some domestic strain at the time, saw what was happening and decided that she too would take some articles. Altogether some £250 worth were taken, the appellant taking £15 worth.

Mrs Spencer was sentenced to immediate imprisonment for 15 months. Counsel had sought to explain the possible reasoning of the circuit judge in sentencing the appellant by stating that he might have been considering questions of parity. But the two cases were entirely different.

Their Lordships were disturbed at the judge's approach to sentencing the appellant. She was a pregnant housewife, not in work and had no means of her own. Her husband, a responsible officer with a local authority, earned some £2,800 a year gross.

The judge clearly dealt with the appellant as being jointly involved in the totality of the offences. He said that prison was the right sentence. Their Lordships did not agree, for a first offender.

The judge also said that he was prepared to suspend the sentence for two years and added: "We do not see why you should get away with this altogether." A suspended sentence of imprisonment, whether or not it was ever activated, was a prison sentence. It had certain consequences; it remained on a person's record as a sentence. To say that a person who had a sentence of imprisonment suspended might be getting away with it altogether was incorrect.

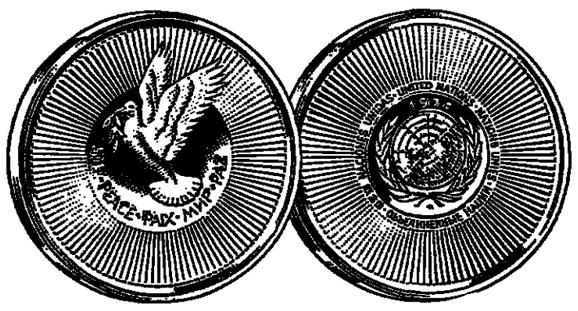
Further, the judge said: "You are in affluent circumstances." The appellant was not.

Something was seriously wrong in the approach made in the case. The sentences were wrong in principle, grossly excessive and harsh.

The appeal would be allowed. The sentences of imprisonment would be quashed and there would be no prison sentence. The appropriate fine was what a magistrates' court would impose on a first offender in the circumstances, £15 on each count—£45 in all. The appellant's husband had in fact paid more than that amount in satisfaction of the judge's order. The excess would be repaid. The order for payment of £25 prosecution's costs would be quashed but the order for the legal aid contribution would stand.

Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal Appeals.

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THE TIMES
BUSINESS NEWS

GKN Transmissions at the Motor Show on Stands 301-6 Avenue L, First Floor, Earls Court.
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Ford chief says many car workers will be jobless if home sales drop below 1.2m

Clifford Webb

Mr Terry Beckett, managing rector of Ford Britain, gave a rning yesterday that unless sales were maintained at the '4 level there would be con- erable unemployment in the tor industry. Even 1974 ures are 25 per cent down the previous year.

peaking at a preview of the idon International Motor ow which opened in Earls rt today, he set the border- at 1.2 million new car regis- ions in 1975. The industry's mate for 1974 is 1.28 million. Mr Beckett thought 1975 ures would exceed 1.2 mil- . He based this optimistic w on a slowdown in new car e increases, which he be- ed would be half the 30 per t increase which has taken e since last November.

le said Ford's present wages pute had reduced the com- y's car stocks to a critically level of 13,000. This com- ed with normal stocks of 00 at this time of year, ng to nearly 70,000 within next two months in pre- ation for the spring selling son. The shortage was par- larly damaging because Ford £70m worth of orders it ld not meet.

espite the dispute, Ford was recruiting and needed an additional 3,000 workers at Dagenham and Halewood.

Lord Stokes, chairman of British Leyland, told a press conference: "I have always welcomed close industrial consultation between industry and government, and we have no objection whatever to telling the Government of the day about our long-term objectives and our plans for fulfilling them. Indeed, I think we were among the pioneers to making such information available to the appropriate government departments."

Despite all the problems BLMC had managed to operate profitably in the second half of the financial year, but the situation of practically all international motor manufacturers was not encouraging.

Lord Stokes said in January that the company had expected the economic downturn in Europe better than many of their competitors, and had started to trim accordingly. In the past nine months it had reduced worldwide manpower by 10,000 by not replacing leavers.

Although the company was budgeting for a reduced United Kingdom car market (its forecast is 1 million to 1.1 million), it would achieve a larger share with new models. It was also committed to its biggest export programme.

Lord Stokes said this was being backed by a 25 per cent production increase for Leyland trucks, expansion of Jaguar, the building of one of the most advanced car plants in Europe at Solihull and a plant at Longbridge to produce a new range of economical engines.

The Motor Agents' Association is advocating relaxation of hire purchase restrictions on used car sales to help close the huge gap between used and new car prices. The part-exchange value of a year-old car is now only 50 per cent of the new price.

Mr Frank Higham, director general of the MAA, said: "We believe that the new Government could leave the hire purchase deposit at one third, but could increase the repayment period from two to three years on used cars only.

"This would help to boost used car prices and prevent new car sales from becoming further depressed by motorists who cannot bridge the financial gap between used and new prices."

Mr Beckett said that while he accepted the need for used car prices to be improved, he did not think it was practical to have one level of hire purchase for used cars and another for new. "How will you define a used car—one day old or one year old?" he asked.

Stocks given boost by Wilson call for unity

By Our Financial Staff

Share prices on the London stock market rose strongly yesterday following the Prime Minister's call for unity in the fight against inflation. City satisfaction both with Mr Wilson's warning words to the trade unions and his assurance that the Government is giving "urgent attention" to industry's cash problems outweighed the effects of the suspension of shares in Jessel Securities and Jessel Holdings.

Gilts improved on hopes of lower interest rates in the United States. The announcement of the date for the autumn Budget rounded off a successful market day, and although some gains were reduced by profit taking, the final picture was very firm. The *FT* index climbed convincingly through the 200 mark to close 8.5 up at 205.7, and *The Times* index rose 3.05 to 79.18.

Turnover remained sluggish, although the total of recorded bargains increased. Buying came from inside the market rather than from the institutions, and share gains were fuelled by the tight stock positions constructed during the election period.

Belgian bank says losses will not top £16m mark

From David Cross
Brussels, Oct 15

The losses incurred by the Banque de Bruxelles on illegal foreign exchange transactions would amount to between 600m and 1,500m Belgian francs (£6.5m and £16m), a spokesman for the bank said today.

This estimated potential loss would represent between 6 and 12 per cent of the real net worth of the bank during the financial year 1973-74, he added.

When the last balance sheet was drawn up on March 31, capital and reserves amounted to 7,100m Belgian francs, he stated. To this sum should be added internal reserves, which brought the real net worth of the bank to more than 11,000m francs.

The spokesman's comments followed indications from court officials that the "irregular, unrecorded and unauthorized" foreign exchange deals announced yesterday could entail losses of up to 2,500m francs.

Today's figures would appear to justify the bank's earlier reassurances that its internal reserves were "amply sufficient" to cover any losses resulting from the winding up of the foreign exchange positions involved. Branches of the Banque de Bruxelles, which is one of the country's largest, reported no appreciable increase in withdrawals by customers today.

Meanwhile legal proceedings against the four foreign exchange dealers involved in the deals are still pending. Warrants for their arrest are expected to be issued soon.

As far as the bank is concerned, the officials are still on the pay-roll and have not yet been suspended.

According to well-informed banking sources the illegal transactions, which centred on buying and selling American dollars and West German Deutsche marks, began as long ago as June. Using the bank's capital, the officials kept secret accounts of all their illegal transactions.

Their system worked perfectly until last week when a new dealer was drafted in to replace one of them at short notice. He became suspicious when he could find no trace in the bank's official accounts of a transaction queried by a foreign dealer.

Geneva: Talks are going on in several countries to provide support for the Geneva-based Banque de Crédit International which last week announced that it was suspending operations pending a legal decision on its future.

A bank spokesman commented: "I think there will be a solution. —Reuter.

Metal Box cutback in expansion plans will bolster CBI appeal

By Edward Townsend

Metal Box, Britain's largest supplier of cans to the food and drinks industry, which was planning capital expenditure of £35m this year, revealed last night that it had been forced to postpone a number of new projects.

Mr A. W. Page, the chairman, said: "Until we see more daylight as to how fresh funds can be made available, we are having to be very selective and in some cases projects are having to be delayed."

The company's decision will give extra weight to the appeals from the Confederation of British Industry for a substantial relaxation of price controls and an easing of the tax burden on companies.

It follows the announcement from Pilkington Brothers, the flat glass manufacturer, that it was shelving its £150m investment programme, and confirms industry's view that a significant number of leading manufacturers are calling a halt to capital investment.

Sir Alastair Pilkington, chairman of the glass group, also gave a warning last night that the number of bankruptcies would increase in the next few months unless something substantial was done to help industry.

Metal Box declined to state which projects were being delayed. Mr Page said: "We have, of course, kept our investment plans under very close scrutiny as our operations both in the United Kingdom and throughout the world are constantly requiring further capital."

The company was going ahead with a new glass bottle factory in Nigeria.

Postponement of new projects would result in delaying the growth of the business, Mr Page said, "thus hindering the progress which would otherwise take place.

"Let us hope that the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his forthcoming Budget will take the same view."

Sir Alastair, speaking at Pilkington's headquarters in St Helens, Lancashire, denied that his company's decision was politically motivated. Inflation had been a great discouragement to industry and it was irrelevant what Government was in office when the company took its decision at a board meeting last Friday. This had been arranged long before the date of the election was known.

Japanese companies cut staff salaries

Tokyo, Oct 15.—Two large Japanese companies said today they were cutting salaries for management personnel, reducing recruitment and postponing investment in plant and equipment because of recessions.

The moves reinforced a growing tendency in Japan for companies to resort to relatively drastic measures to overcome the adverse effects of an economic downturn that so far shows no sign of reversing course.

Sumitomo Electric Industries, the nation's largest electric wire and cable maker, said it would cut salaries of about 1,000 administrative staff by 10 per cent "for the time being". Mitsubishi Rayon Co, a major acrylic fibre producer, said it planned a 10 per cent pay cut for 27 directors. The moves by both companies take effect this month.

Sumitomo, citing a 40 per cent decline in orders, said it had trimmed planned investment during the fiscal year ending March, 1975, to less than half. Mitsubishi said that it had postponed all new investment for the time being.

Mitsubishi also said it planned to take on only 400 middle and high school graduates next spring, about one third of the usual number. Sumitomo said it too would cut recruitment and new employment of temporary workers would be eliminated.

Sumitomo said it was also considering a reduction in staff fringe benefits, such as use of company cars, and would trim business trips.

Kansai Steamship Co, an operator of coastal passenger ships, said today it paid 390 land-based employees half of their normal salary on its normal pay day today. The remaining half would be paid some time later this month. The firm's 1,600 seagoing union members were not effected.

Yesterday Yashica Co, a camera and office equipment maker, disclosed plans to close one of its two production facilities and cut its work force by 40 per cent.

ay-offs after walk-out alts Rover plant

R. W. Shakespeare
thern Industrial
respondent

ritish Leyland has again into labour troubles. All duction at the Rover plant, Solihull, Birmingham, came t standstill last night, with 0 workers laid off indefin- y because of an unofficial out by 150 engineering ectors from all the assembly ts.

he shut down means that all ut of cars, Land Rovers Range Rovers will be ped today. The Solihull it normally produces about 0 vehicles a week and is one British Leyland's top export ners.

he inspectors' dispute over began more than two ths ago when they deman- an improvement in their e grade which now gives n a basic rate of £46 for 0 hour week. Since then s between the management, n and inspectors have been g on but yesterday after- n these broke down and the ectors walked out.

company spokesman said erday: "Because we can- work without the inspectors ave had to lay off the entire ur force from 4.30 this after- . The lay offs are for an finite period."

ll the "big four" British makers now have pay blems.

Ford is due to resume its talks with the car unions on its controversial £63m pay offer today.

Chrysler is still waiting for the results of an inquiry by the Conciliation and Arbitration Service into demands by key toolroom workers at its Coventry car plants for another substantial pay rise only a little over three months after their last settlement—and production workers have said that if the toolroom differential is increased they too will demand pay rises even though their current pay agreement still has more than six months to run.

Vauxhall management and unions will meet next Tuesday and the company will come under renewed pressure to follow Ford's example and cancel its existing pay agreement—due to run until April—and concede immediate and substantial pay increases for some 26,000 workers.

More shipyard lay-offs: As the pay strike by 2,300 ancillary workers at the Vickers shipyard and engineering works at Barrow-in-Furness continued yesterday, more workers had to be laid off and a management spokesman gave a warning that the run down of production was becoming progressively more serious. He said that layoffs among the 14,000 workers could be expected to increase sharply over the next 24 hours or so.

Talks today on Aston Martin aid

Directors of Aston Martin, the specialist car company which has asked for at least £500,000 of government aid, have been called to a surprise meeting tomorrow with officials of the Department of Industry.

A decision on the company's application was postponed because of the general election, and Aston Martin executives were not expecting to take part in further discussions so soon. Mr Charles Warden, the managing director, said yesterday that the meeting was "more than we could have expected".

The department said that tomorrow's talks would be followed by a decision at ministerial level but this would be "a little while yet".

Aston Martin's first plea for state funds was rejected, and its current application involves setting up a workers-management cooperative, with employees taking a share in the business and having seats on the board.

Clearly, the backing of the 500 workers for the scheme is Aston Martin's chief hope in persuading the Government to help it over its liquidity problems.

Much of the company's difficulty has stemmed from the decision to concentrate on exports of its big V8 luxury cars which, in the case of the United States, has meant the completion of an expensive 50,000-mile exhaust emission and durability test to meet American regulations.

Mr Warden said yesterday that the tests would be completed by Friday. Creditors had been extremely helpful, and production of cars for America was continuing at the factory at Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire.

FMC reject £6.5m offer by farmers

By Our Financial Staff

FMC, Europe's biggest wholesale meat group, is urging shareholders to reject the £6.5m cash bid from the National Farmers' Union.

The board of FMC, advised by Hill Samuel, decided unanimously at a meeting yesterday to reject the offer, which is being made through the NFU Development Trust, as "inequitable to shareholders having regard to the income and asset position of FMC".

The board said it would give the full reasons for its rejection once the formal offer documents had been sent out by NFU Development Trust. This is expected to be in about two weeks.

The NFU already holds 40.9 per cent of FMC's equity. Originally it controlled the company but its interest was diluted in 1962 when FMC made a public share offering to raise funds to finance the purchase of Marsh & Baxter/Harris.

After the rejection of the bid FMC's shares rose 2p to 63p, which compares with an offer price of 65p a share in cash.

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Carter Hawley gets Fraser stake for £147m

Sir Hugh Fraser's Scottish and Universal Investments suffered a "reverse gazump" yesterday over its proposed sale of 20 per cent of House of Fraser department stores company to Carter Hawley Hale, the United States stores group. The two groups said they had agreed on revised terms for the Fraser stake which values House of Fraser, which includes Harrods, at about £147m against £172m under the terms of the original arrangement.

"Changes in the economic climate" and "general financial uncertainties" are cited as the reasons behind the decision to downgrade the price Carter Hawley is prepared to pay per share from 142½p to 121½p. The original proposals were made last March when it became clear that plans to merge House of Fraser with Boots were likely to fall through.

At the time there was considerable comment on the high price Carter Hawley was willing to pay for its stake in the group, whose market value even then was way below the level of the American offer.

Under the latest arrangement Carter Hawley has bought only 21.2 million shares amounting to 17½ per cent of the House of Fraser equity, as opposed to the earlier agreement to buy a 20 per cent stake. The later option to buy an additional 3.1 per cent at 60p if the deal was completed by the end of next month has also been abandoned.

The upshot of these changes is that SUITs gets £25.8m for its sale against £34.6m, but it receives the money earlier than agreed. The deal brings Carter Hawley's stake in House of Fraser to 20¼ per cent, while SUITs has retained its 5.6 per cent holding.

£42 for dockers in Glasgow deal

Glasgow's 600-strong docks labour force yesterday accepted a pay and productivity deal which will increase basic weekly rates from £36 to £42, reduce the number of men in each gang, and enable gangs in future to switch when necessary from one ship to another so that men will always be available to handle vessels on regular services to the port.

The deal is linked to a capital expenditure programme for the modernization of port facilities in Glasgow.

Canadians raise shipping stake

A further 840,000 shares in Manchester Liners, the North Atlantic containership operator, have been bought by Euro-Canadian Holdings, taking the Canadian company's stake in ML to just under 30 per cent.

Furness Withy controls ML with a stake of around 65 per cent and so far has refused Euro-Canadian requests to sell out. It is now possible that Euro-Canadian, which competes on the North Atlantic run with ML, will seek board representation with a view to collaborative trading agreements.

Go-ahead for Lye bid by BSC

British Steel Corporation announced yesterday that the European Community Commission has authorized it to go ahead with its proposals to acquire Lye Trading, the steel stockholding group for which it originally made a takeover bid in May.

The terms of the offer, for which formal documents will shortly be posted, are 80p cash per share, plus a bonus of not less than 2p to compensate shareholders for the length of time it has taken to complete the deal. The minimum consideration of 82p per share values Lye at around £6.6m.

Steel-making nations to pool nuclear research

From Peter Hill
Munich, Oct 15

Major world steel-producing nations have agreed to coordinate and pool their resources in research and development of steel-making by the use of nuclear heat. This development was disclosed here today by Mr Jacques Ferry, chairman of the International Iron and Steel Institute, on the second day of the organization's annual conference.

The move forms part of the steel industry's programme to diversify its energy sources. Mr Ferry described the agreement as a "very important step" and explained that research and development activities associated with nuclear steel-making would now be coordinated within the organization's framework.

The IISI decision stems from a proposal from the American steel industry, which is clearly concerned at the possibility of its being left behind in the development of nuclear energy in steel production.

This was underlined by Mr Frederick G. Jaicks of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

He said the suggested joint venture between the American steel industry and the country's Atomic Energy Commission had been hit by financial restraints.

American anti-trust legislation is also seen as a possible stumbling block, apart from difficulties which might be expected from the recently established European Nuclear Steel-Making Club, in which the British Steel Corporation is a participant.

nglo-Korean economic operation wins support

oul, Oct 15.—Strong support e today from the South an government for efforts orean and British business ers to step up economic co- ation in line with its policy diversifying the sources of gn capital and technology. eaking at a meeting of busi- leaders of both sides, Mr Duck-Woo, the Deputy e Minister, noted that eco- ic cooperation between the countries was still at a rela- y early stage.

t Mr Nam, who is also Economic Planning Minister, added that British technical and capital cooperation in such projects as a 700,000-ton shipyard at Ulsan, southern Korea, "has given us the highest degree of hope and confidence in the future of bi-national cooperation between us".

Today's meeting was the first joint session of the private Korean-British business promotion committee in Seoul and the United Kingdom-Korea economic cooperation group set up in London last month.

10¾ pc prime rate

Michigan National Bank of Detroit announced yesterday that, from next Monday, it would lower its prime leading rate to 10¾ per cent from 11 per cent.—Reuter.

How the markets moved

FT index: 205.7 +8.5
The Times index: 79.18 +3.05

Rises

Ass Port Cement	61p to 93½p	Imp Chem Ind	3p to 166p
Barclays Bk	5p to 145p	MEPC	8p to 85p
Brit Am Tob	5p to 176p	Stock Conv	8p to 63p
ELMC	1p to 10p	Shell	8p to 149p
BP	6p to 268p	Tube Invest	12p to 180p
Bunzl Pulp	8p to 61p	Tricentrol	6p to 40p
GKN	9p to 152p	Unilever	5p to 175p

Falls

B'sey & Hwkes	7p to 45p	Ldn & Holyrood	5p to 41p
Corinthian	1p to 7p	Lion Int	5p to 43p
First Nat Fin	2p to 51p	Manch Liners	37p to 118p
Greensquare	2p to 7p	Maple Mac'wds	14p to 16p
Hawker Sidd	6p to 184p	Stenhouse	3p to 37p
Hunting Gibson	20p to 170p	UC Invest	10p to 240p
Kinross	5p to 475p	Union Corp	18p to 306p

Equities again advanced strongly. Gilt-edged securities were firm. Sterling fell 40 points to $2.3305. The "effective devaluation" rate was 18.5 per cent. Gold gained 50 cents at $155.00. SDR-$. The latest quotation was 1.19122 while SDR-£ was 0.510465.

Commodities: Copper gained £7 and tin jumped £82.50. Sugar futures generally advanced further while cocoa rose between £6.50 and £19.50. Coffee futures were £6 to £12.50 up. Reuters index fell 0.5 to 1,246.6.

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THE POUND

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.84	1.78
Austria Sch	44.75	42.75
Belgium Fr	92.75	90.00
Canada $	2.34	2.29
Denmark Kr	14.35	13.95
Finland Mkk	9.00	8.75
France Fr	11.25	10.95
Germany DM	6.15	5.95
Greece Dr	71.75	68.75
Hongkong $	12.00	11.65
Italy Lr	1,640.00	1,585.00
Japan Yn	725.00	700.00
Netherlands Gld	6.35	6.15
Norway Kr	13.10	12.75
Portugal Esc	63.75	60.75
S Africa Rd	1.84	1.775
Spain Pes	137.00	132.00
Sweden Kr	10.45	10.15
Switzerland Fr	6.95	6.70
US $	2.38	2.33
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	38.25

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he rescue consortium of life rance companies is still at arly stage in its discussions. the consortium reaches ement, the intention is to re that all assurance and ity contracts, including me and other bonds, will be lled according to their s. It is extremely unlikely, gh, that the surrender es that proved so penal for el Securities will be main- ed.

he directors of the two com- es concerned therefore ose to petition the court so London Indemnity's busi- es can be transferred to the r insurance groups and the ender terms varied. Pend- the application to the court, e will be a temporary delay ayments to policyholders.

ssel Securities' own future hinges on the future of London Indemnity rescue. as acknowledged that it ot pay a call on the capital s subsidiary; an unpaid call ld provide grounds for a ding up.

s troubles derive from the in interest rates and the k market plunge. The fall he market has reduced its ty base to the point where close to its borrowing limits and unable to rely on bankers for further cash.

The Jessel statement yesterday emphasized that the difficulties sofely concerned London Indemnity and the holding company. Both the unit trust management group and Midland Bank Trust Company, which looks after unit trust fund's assets, stressed, too, that there was no cause for alarm.

At the date of the last published accounts the principal unit trusts, which now have a collective worth of £42m, had a number of holdings in associated companies although the amounts were not large in relation to the total.

Life and Equity, Jessel's other insurance subsidiary, is also free from immediate difficulties. Its surrender values are linked to equity values and have no guarantee comparable to that of London Indemnity.

There has also been trouble in other parts of the Jessel group, notably in South Africa, where Jessel Properties saw its listing suspended last month.

Yesterday none of the Jessel directors was available for comment. The dividend for the year ended June 30 is to be passed, but no request is being made to suspend the listing of A dampener for Mr Jessel's fireworks display; Financial Editor, page 19

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IMF chief's warning on deflationary policies

Tokyo, Oct 15.—Mr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, issued a warning today against strong deflationary policies as a means of curing inflation.

He also urged oil-consuming countries to resist the temptations to try to eliminate balance of payments deficits as quickly as possible, arguing that such deficits should be accepted and financed for at least four to five years until payments surpluses of oil-producing countries can be eliminated.

Citing dangers of a world depression if individual nations act too aggressively to curb prices and improve their payments balances by tightly controlling domestic demand. Mr Witteveen instead advocated measures aimed at maintaining economic activity "somewhat lower than the level of maximum production" and adoption of incomes policies.

The recent disappearance of excess demand had created favourable conditions for individual nations to introduce incomes policies tailored to their respective social situations, he said.

Some might be able to implement mandatory wage-price controls, while others might get better results from guidelines or labour-management-government consultations.

Mr Witteveen said incomes policies were necessary to halt a wage-price spiral that had acquired "autonomous force" to sustain it, even during recession conditions. He cautioned, however, that controls would not work if demand was allowed to become excessive again.—AP-Dow Jones.

Cosmos will put up an extra £1m as security for holidaymakers

By Business News Staff

Cosmos Air Holidays, which since the collapse of Court Line ranks as Britain's second largest inclusive holiday company, is putting up an extra £1m next summer to demonstrate its financial security. This is in addition to the bond required under the Civil Aviation Authority regulations for it to obtain a tour operating licence.

The total represents 20 per cent of the peak four months' turnover and is double the amount required so far by the CAA.

Many other companies in the field are experiencing difficulties in meeting the minimum level required by the authority. This was raised after the Court Line failure from 5 per cent to 7.5 per cent of projected turnover for members of the Association of British Travel Agents and from 10 per cent to 12.5 per cent for non-ABTA members.

Further increases are expected to be required by the authority next year.

The voluntary extra amount offered by Cosmos is seen as an attempt to influence discussions now in progress between ABTA and government representatives about methods of providing extra safeguards for holidaymakers.

Referring to these talks, Mr Wilf Jones, managing director of Cosmos, said he was in favour of the suggested plan to introduce some sort of "reserve fund" to cover clients' money paid in advance. But he rejected the suggestion that a newly created reserve fund should be used to refund Court Line clients.

A reserve fund to cover advance payments would be acceptable only if it covered all forms of travel. If it covered package holidays only, he said, loopholes could easily be created to avoid it. "The public will regard compulsory insurance as a tax and will flock to the banner of anyone who can avoid it."

The tour operators' new proposal is understood to be to ask for a 50p per £100 Government levy on all travel bills. This would cover airlines and shipping, among other interests.

Hauliers urged to combine against 'parasite' rivals

By Edward Townsend

Road hauliers were urged yesterday to join forces in an attempt to eradicate the "parasites" who made money at the expense of the haulage industry.

In a rallying call for unity, Mr Ken Hatcher, chairman of the Road Haulage Association, identified haulage companies' common enemies as "the cut-throat client or clearing house" eroding profit margins, and the driver agencies which added to hauliers' costs.

Mr Hatcher, speaking at the RHA annual conference in Plymouth, said traffic was being offered repeatedly on terms which were not economic and sooner or later the customer, often a clearing house, would find a haulier foolish or weak enough to accept them.

He strongly criticized the "more objectionable type" of clearing house "which fastens on the road haulage industry like a leech, taking the profit or commission to itself and giving virtually nothing in return—except a one-way ticket to the bankruptcy court".

Mr Hatcher also criticized driver agencies which did not have the problem and expense of driver training, nor the worry of whether a man on their books had the experience and character as well as the paper qualifications for the job.

Hauliers, he said, tended to underestimate their own power. Half a million people were engaged in road haulage and two or three times that number in related or ancillary activities.

Avoid union bias in inflation fight Whitehall told

By Malcolm Brown

A warning that the engineering industry would not countenance support for any measures to beat inflation which were biased towards the unions, came yesterday from Mr Vernon Price, president of the Engineering Industries Association.

Speaking in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, he said that if the new Government introduced stern counter-inflationary measures without party political undertones, the engineering industry must support them. "But should they be geared to benefit one sector of the community, we must oppose them."

Mr Price said that the critical message which must be got across to the Government and the public was the need for companies to make adequate profits.

Wool textile Neddy gives profit details

By Ronald Kershaw

Yesterday the economic development committee for the wool textile industry published for the first time financial tables* enabling individual companies to make profitability comparisons with each other, and giving employers' organizations, trade unions and the Government an insight into the size, structure and progress of the industry.

Presumably to avoid anomalies and "league tables" and keep the whole matter in perspective, more than 400 companies are divided into those with assets over £500,000, those with assets between £100,000 and £500,000, and those under £100,000.

The tables include profits as a percentage of total assets, profits as a percentage of capital employed, sales as a ratio to capital employed and profit as a percentage of sales.

They also show cash flow as a percentage of capital employed, and numerous other criteria so that readers can examine all aspects of profitability and form their own judgment of performance.

The report highlights the facts that in 1972/73 the 134 largest companies in the industry with assets over £500,000 accounted for 89 per cent of total assets and 87 per cent of sales. The 110 smallest companies with assets under £100,000 accounted for just over 1 per cent of both sales and assets.

**Finance and Profitability in the Wool Textile Industry*, 1970/71-1972/73, price £1.20. From Neddy Books, Millbank Tower, London, SW1P 4QX.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Need for national policy on reclamation of waste

From Mr Alfred Cooper

Sir, I wrote this letter during a General Election in which our political leaders are debating the measures we will need to employ if we are to extricate ourselves from the massive economic problems which confront us, to point out that there is one measure on which we can all agree. That is to put an end to the national extravagance which leads us to throw away enormous tonnages of valuable materials of all kinds every year.

In a recent paper issued by the Departments for Industry and for the Environment, it is stated that last year in Britain we produced something approaching 20 million tonnes of household and trade refuse and that industry produced as much again.

Most of the household refuse is simply buried in malodorous holes in the ground. Much of the industrial waste consists of paper, metals and chemicals imported at high cost from abroad.

Last year the bill was: non-ferrous metals £820m, wood pulp for paper £201m, iron ore £152m, and so on. The reclamation industry recovers and processes a large part of the industrial waste, something like 17 million tonnes annually.

We are fortunate in this country in having a very efficient reclamation industry whose performance has been improving steadily in recent years. Many millions of pounds have been spent on highly sophisticated plant and, particularly in the case of metals, the recovery rate is high; 80 per cent for iron and steel and on average, 50 per cent for the non-ferrous metals such as lead and copper.

Some idea of the magnitude of the sums involved can be gauged from the turnover of the companies in the industry (some of them among the largest in the country) which recover, process and send back for re-use by industry, materials worth over £1,500m.

After years of indifference in Whitehall, the Government is now asking for "urgency and effort" in a national drive to reduce waste. They stress that everyone has a contribution to make: local authorities, industry, trade unions, voluntary organizations and the individual householder and housewife.

It is to be hoped that, whatever the complexion of the next Government, the "war on waste" will be pursued with "urgency and effort" by the responsible ministers.

This country simply cannot afford to continue the rake's progress of past wastefulness, a feature of our economy which has been growing alarmingly in recent decades. I am sure the reclamation industry will play its part.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED COOPER,
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Too heavy with the theory, too light on reality

From Mr R. H. P. Boyle

Sir, You would do a service to your readers if you reduced the number of letters from theoreticians such as university dons, polytechnic lecturers and politicians, and devoted more space to the views of those who are actually handling our day-to-day business affairs. We are all so numbed by jargon that we may tend to overlook the realities of our situation.

I suspect that the experience of my company may be typical of many others. Over the past two years we have worked strenuously to increase our volume turnover and particularly our exports. To achieve this we have phased out outdated lines, developed new products and new export markets, and have recruited capable and efficient staff.

Cash has been our primary requirements, which, thanks to meticulous housekeeping, we have managed to find so far. But now what happens? We see more than half our hard-earned profit going to the taxman, leaving us with insufficient cash to expand to the extent that we need to. Meanwhile, our excellent staff naturally expect pay rises that keep pace with the increased cost of living.

Is it surprising that I begin to ask myself whether it is all worth the struggle when our efforts are being so effectively frustrated by the Inland Revenue. Wouldn't I be better off becoming a lecturer or even a politician?

Yours sincerely,
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Tunbridge Wells,
Kent.

Reducing UK's dependence on unreliable sources of energy

From Mr W. M. Wolf

Sir, The election is over and we can return once more to trying to cope with our actual problems.

Last year I wrote to you on the consequences of our inability to control our vital energy needs, and I hope you will forgive me for returning to this subject. However, there seems to be a tendency for complacency now that the worst emergency has, for the moment, passed.

The whole of western European industrial development was built on the secure control of its sources of raw materials and energy. In the last century our main energy source was home-produced coal.

This century oil became more and more important and the security of its supply was assured by our military and diplomatic control of the major producing region. As long as this state persisted, we could continue with our industrial development in the secure knowledge that it could not be deprived disastrously of its essential needs of energy.

We were, therefore, justified in basing much of our development on oil, which was the cheapest source of energy.

A change has come about in the world's affairs. During the past 20 years Europe and Britain, whose *pax britannica* was the guarantor of normal commercial relations, have lost control. None of the governments appears to have appreciated the consequences. Not even the 1967 embargo penetrated to the intelligences of the leaders in politics and the administration.

The plain fact is, that, if we want to preserve our political and economic freedom, we must be able to rely on uninterrupted sources of essential supplies for our industry (and food), based on either producing them at home or obtaining them from reliable outside sources.

The question of whether other countries (not our firm friends) are willing or not to send us supplies must be made a matter of only marginal importance.

Britain may well be placed fortunately for an intermediate period of about 1980 to 2020, but, not only must we plan now for the more distant future, we must also not take too much of a calculated risk during the next six years.

We must at once begin a crash-programme designed to reduce immediately our dependence on foreign oil and other unreliable sources of essential materials.

Yours faithfully,
W. M. WOLF,
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Darlington, co Durham.

Industrial crisis

From Mr D. R. Myddelton

Sir, May I correct one point in your leader on the nationalized industries. Although the British Steel Corporation reported a profit of £29m in 1973-74, adjusting the conventional accounts to allow for the effects of currency debasement reveals a loss of about £60m. (Very roughly, depreciation was understated by £60m, and losses of £30m in respect of monetary assets were omitted in the published accounts.)

One of the gravest aspects of the current economic and financial situation is that not only are many businesses having great difficulty in surviving but the Government's interference with the accountancy profession has delayed by more than a year the introducton of "inflation accounting".

This means that it is very difficult to tell how badly British industry is doing. Had this been understood six months ago, for instance, it is hardly likely that the Government would have increased company taxation as much as it did.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. MYDDELTON,
Cranfield School of Management,
Cranfield,
Bedford.

Autumn TV rates show average rises of 15pc

Advertising & marketing

Substantial increases in some advertisement prices are contained in the autumn rate cards being implemented by the independent television companies. A report compiled by The Media Department Ltd, the Kimpher group subsidiary, shows that the network price of a 30-second standard rate weekday commercial has gone up 14 per cent on a year ago.

Typical increases by individual contractors are of the order of 15 per cent but one company, Anglia, is quoting a rise of 37 per cent. This does not take effect, however, until next month and is subject to Price Commission approval.

Newspaper advertisement rates have also gone up. In the 12 months since September last year every national newspaper has increased its rates at least once, and 11, including the London evenings, have done so twice, the report says.

During the period January, 1973-October, 1974, the *Sun*, for example, has raised its cost a column inch by 69 per cent and *The Times* by 19 per cent. The average increase for national dailies during this period is 32 per cent.

The average increase for London evening papers per column inch is 26 per cent and for national Sundays 20 per cent.

Press increases, the report points out, are in most cases more or less in line with or below the general level of inflation over the period and should be seen against the background of an increase of around 100 per cent in the cost of newsprint in the same period.

Television advertising for the venture starts on November 29 on Tyne Tees Television and is handled by Hobson Bates.

Mars goes into toys

Mars, the confectionery and pet foods giant, is entering the toy market with a view to making more extensive use of its confectionery and grocery distribution network. The toys, being marketed under the Remus Play Kits name, are being subjected to an extensive test programme in the North-East. Test marketing is expected to continue at least until next summer.

Boots account move

Boots have moved their international advertising account to Benton & Bowles. The business, which is worth nearly £500,000, was previously with Wasey Campbell Ewald. Benton & Bowles have also been asked to handle Sweetex advertising in the United Kingdom. Another agency, Everetts, continues to handle all Boots retail advertising in the United Kingdom.

Patricia Tisdall

Tokyo earmarks £14m for own jet airliner scheme

Tokyo, Oct 15.—The Japanese Civil Transport Development Association, a group of aircraft manufacturers, has said it faced difficulties in negotiating joint development of a jet airliner with Boeing. One problem was Boeing's demand for special payment for its accumulated technical expertise.

But the Ministry of International Trade and Industry would still ask for 10,000m yen (about £14.3m) to be earmarked for the project in next year's national budget, the association said.

Under present proposals the Japanese manufacturers would pay 30 per cent of development costs estimated at 250,000m yen. The Japanese Government would subsidize 85 per cent of the Japanese share, the association said.

Italian aircraft maker Aeroitalia is also expected to take part.—Reuter.

265,000 German car workers idle last month

Nuremberg, Oct 15.—More than 250,000 workers in the West German motor industry were laid off work at various times last month because of a world-wide sales slump, according to the Federal Labour Office here.

A total of 265,000 men and women were asked not to turn up to work at more than 3,000 factories during last month. The car plants which laid off workers included the Volkswagen giant, Ford, Opel and Audi-NSU.

Opel, the German subsidiary of the United States General Motors Corporation, today announced further temporary redundancies during the next two months for some of its 34,000 workers.

GM cuts in Belgium: About 4,000 workers will be laid off for a week starting this Friday at General Motors' assembly plants in Belgium, and a further 1,600 from next Monday

$120m Bahrain project by Caltex

From Ralph Izzard

Bahrain, Oct 15

Bahrain Petroleum Co, a Caltex subsidiary, has decided to proceed with a $120m (£50m) project for expanding refinery facilities here, according to usually reliable sources.

Improvements include a de-alkalization plant to reduce lead content in fuel, and extension of the existing low sulphur fuel oil plant.

It was originally intended to start the work one year ago but plans were deferred owing to uncertainties created by the world energy crisis. The go-ahead decision will be ratified at a full Caltex board meeting due here next month, the sources said.

Unofficial strikes hit three ports

Unofficial strikes at the ports of North Shields, Blyth, and Hartlepool disrupted the movement of exports yesterday. All are over payments systems, and are not related. Only Newcastle and Sunderland docks were operating normally in the north-east.

A meeting of the local joint council for the port transport industry will be held today at which representatives of all docks in the area will be present.

A Leicester company has made a plea to the General and Municipal Workers' Union to move a container bound for Norway. Its contents are part of a £500,000 textile order which the importers have threatened to give to Germany

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Points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. J. H. Pitchford, C.B.E., M.A., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E.

★ I mentioned in March that I saw no reason to anticipate any deterioration in our affairs, and I am pleased that this view has been confirmed by events. There has been a very significant increase in the number of important engine and vehicle manufacturing firms throughout the world who have entered into formal agreements to retain our consultative and advisory services, including some well known names from Eastern Europe.

★ The work in exhaust emission reduction and control, which has formed such an important part of our activities over the past few years, continues unabated as does the demand for our services in reducing the noise emitted by all types of internal combustion engines and analogous equipment to levels likely to be made mandatory in many countries throughout the world. As a result of the 'energy crisis' the above requirements have today to be reconciled with the growing pressure for economy in petroleum products, and in this field we are equally active.

★ Our own research work continues at a high level in certain areas where we can see that the acquisition of basic knowledge must increase the value of the services we can offer, whether they be in the design of new engines or in more effective guidance and advice.

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Interim Report to 30th June, 1974

	6 months to 30.6.74	6 months to 30.6.73	Year 1973
	£	£	£
Profit before taxation	658,761	595,640	1,205,895
Taxation	345,365	299,043	645,527
Profit after taxation	313,396	296,597	560,368

Dividend. An interim dividend of 0.98p per share on 6,000,000 25p Ordinary Shares has been declared (1.96p per share on 4,000,000 Ordinary Shares) payable 6th January, 1975.

Extracts from Chairman's Statement

The results are regarded as satisfactory when due allowance is made for the difficult conditions.

Turnover for the first three months of the second half year has been most encouraging.

Improvements in the sales mix are offsetting rising overheads to preserve good margins.

The strong liquidity has been used to finance the increase in working capital.

Results for year to 31st December, 1974, will probably be as good as, if not better than, those for last year.

The sales of interests in Gestetner Copiers Ltd. for £750,000 and in leaseholds to MEPC for £77,500 will reinforce the already strong liquidity.

This money will be held on short call until the risk of runaway inflation has abated, and it will then be available for expansion and diversification of the business.

The company is in good shape to face whatever hazards lie ahead, and is therefore justified in increasing the interim distribution with the aim of making the maximum allowable dividend for the year.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The charisma and the realities

That the market chose to pay more attention yesterday to Mr Wilson's soothing words on television the previous evening than the sudden outbreak of trouble in the Jessel camp should be no great surprise. In general, the market was already at a level where it looked to be discounting at least the occasional future trouble spot, even if not a string of them. In particular, there seemed no great reason to suppose that, barring a catastrophic outcome to the Jessel/LIGIS problem, the situation should not be treated as an incident that was both containable and isolated. There are, perhaps, two prime reasons for this line of thinking. First, it seems highly unlikely that a orderly solution will not in fact be found to the LIGIS problem. Second, any repercussions that such a solution may have on Jessel can probably be treated as relatively unimportant to the extent that Jessel is not part of the secondary banking pack of cards but rather a conglomerate of sizable investments, all of which could be placed (at a price) without causing any serious ripples.

Just what kind of outcome we can expect remains to be seen. But the kind of problem that must have been building up for Jessel over recent months is not so hard to understand. While the group had, as I have said, by and large steered clear of the problematic areas of banking and property — the South African property interest being the main exception — the insurance business has become a capital hungry operation at just the moment when cash was in short supply and the value of assets against which further funds might have been raised had been savaged by the slump in share prices.

True, Jessel has sold certain of its investments since the last balance sheet date of June 1973 as part of the P & O Holding, for instance — but the bulk of the investments have apparently remained, many of them, of course, representing investments in the associated companies that provided nearly 60 per cent of group trading profits in the latest half-yearly figures.

And the kind of damage that the slump in share prices has done to the balance sheet can be very roughly estimated from taking the fall in the share prices of the associate companies over the last 15 months together with the fall in the stock market as a whole. In short, it would be little surprise if investments with a book value of over £50m at June 30, 1973, had not fallen by roughly half. What that means to a balance sheet showing capital and reserves of £34.4m (and net borrowings of £22.2m) needs little elucidation.

How the situation will resolve itself, then, is anyone's guess. Even looking to a satisfactory outcome, there is no consolation in the fact that the share status has hitherto largely depended on the charisma of the chairman.



Mr L. J. Manson, chairman of Cope Allman International: borrowing facilities are adequate to meet projected financing requirements.

Cope Allman
Another pain

When industrial holding companies or conglomerates went out of fashion in the mid-1960s, Cope Allman's enthusiastic investment following evaporated. And, while one or two people gave the shares solid support two or three years ago, it has never really returned.

True, Cope Allman has occasionally been a difficult company to follow; Mr Leonard Matchan is indeed a unique type of entrepeneur. But the fact is that the company, now headed by a new chairman but with Mr Matchan still in the background as president, has in fact produced its eighth successive year of unbroken profits growth.

The sceptics may find it increasingly difficult to argue from here on. Last year, given the problems of the economy, was indeed difficult. Engineering, where profits fell from £0.75m to around £0.5m, suffered due to the three-day week. Nevertheless, largely because of a good performance in the main packaging business, profits are nearly 18 per cent higher and margins more or less maintained. Moreover, with good, and apparently sound, engineering order books and tightly controlled cash management, prospects this year are apparently satisfactory. This is partly explained, of course, by a 35 per cent overseas activity and—dare one say it—a good spread of activities — packaging, fashion, and an engineering business which is now largely independent of the motor manufacturers and amusement machines.

Cope Allman will face the common problems this year, but on last year's 8¼ per cent increase in earnings the shares at 28p are on a p/e ratio of only 2.6 while the yield is 12¾. At this point the price looks well underpinned.

Final: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £10.65m
Sales £94.2m (£79.6m)
Pre-tax profits £8.15m (£6.92m)
Earnings per share 10.5p (9.7p)
Dividend gross 3.57p (3.4p)

Assoc Biscuit
Optimism at the interim

Associated Biscuit Manufacturers now seems set to reverse its usual discount to its major competitor, United Biscuits, if the optimism expressed in the interim statement turns out to be justified.

The interim figures give no cause for complaint. Group sales gained 26 per cent, largely due to price increases in the United Kingdom totalling 30 per cent so far this year. Biscuit tonnage has remained constant but customers have tended to move out of chocolate lines into VAT-free but lower margin, plain biscuits. Hence, the drop in pre-tax margins at AB from 5.6 to 4.2 per cent is not surprising. The OP Chocolate acquisition has more than held its head up, although the associate Tobler Meltia, despite a 52 per cent jump in turnover, has met severe margin problems; discussions are now on which could lead to its sale to Interfood.

Christmas trade to date is buoyant enough to bring out the forecast that profits in the closing 16 weeks will be as good as those for the same period last year. One is looking, then, for a pre-tax profit of around £6m. With the shares at 29p, the implied prospective p/e ratio, fully diluted, is around 4 backed by a yield of 12.4 per cent. This looks sufficient to give the shares some impetus against the market.

Interim: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £9.67m
Sales £75.2m (£59.8m)
Pre-tax profits £2.93m (£2.90m)
Dividend gross 1.67p (1.60p)

FMC
On to the defensive

At this stage FMC is restricting itself to rejecting the offer from NFU Development Trust and allowing the historic record to speak for itself. Ammunition, it seems, is being held in reserve for when the going gets tougher, since FMC considers that the 65p a share bid, with no offer at all for the preference stock, is nothing more than an NFU sighting shot.

On that basis, the historic record is, indeed, a reasonable defence. Updating 1972/73 assets with the inclusion of earnings retentions from 1973/74 gives assets per share of 113p or 135p including tax equalization and goodwill. But most of the properties are in the books at cost or 1962 valuations so the true figure will obviously be appreciably higher.

As far as earnings are concerned, the exit p/e ratio of 4 has to be seen against the background of last year's 19 per cent pre-tax improvement, within which the second half was 32 per cent ahead, and the board's indication of volume increases in fresh meat, with growth in exports, by-products, bacon and meat manufacturing.

So it is hard to argue with the view that the NFU, with 40.9 per cent of the equity under its belt, is making an opportunist move purely on the basis of a depressed stock market and a share price which, ahead of the bid, was hovering just above the 30p mark. The immediate considerations, however, are that the Monopolies Commission hurdle remains to be surmounted and the formal documents from both camps have yet to be despatched. Shareholders should await events, but at present the offer is not attractive.

Bunzl
Exceeding expectations

A two thirds increase in interim pre-tax profits is more than expected from Bunzl Pulp & Paper. Only a few months ago the group was adopting a highly cautious line, talking of the difficulties experienced during the three-day week and the shortage of materials and rising prices.

The clue lies in the jump in turnover of 74 per cent to £68.9m, of which about three-quarters eventually found its way overseas either by direct manufacture or else through exports. And it is abroad where the major impetus appears to have come with a strong recovery in the Austrian activities, tying in with a boom in paper and, in particular, tissue products.

There are now some signs of a downturn in demand, although this may be only destocking by customers. None the less, Bunzl is optimistic enough to forecast a doubling up of interim profits which suggests a prospective p/e ratio of under 2½ with the shares 8p better yesterday at 61p. Backed by a yield of 9 per cent the shares may go higher.

Interim: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £16m
Sales £68.9m (£39.5m)
Pre-tax profits £6.79m (£4.07m)
Dividend gross 3.18p (2.83p)

Margaret Drummond looks at yesterday's setback for a leading City personality

A dampener for Mr Jessel's fireworks display

Yesterday the crisis that has engulfed London's financial community appeared to have claimed Oliver Jessel, the colourful 45-year-old chief and architect of Jessel Securities.

The group's interests range over a large financial and industrial empire which includes more than a dozen unit trusts, substantial commodity and mining interests and a large slice of Britain's special steel industry, as well as the insurance group whose specific problems apparently precipitated yesterday's Share suspension by Jessel.

The group was one of the front-runners of the last bull market, indulging in fast-moving series of deals that characterized most of the so-called "whizz kid" activity throughout 1970 and 1971.

It was a trail that left followers of Mr Jessel confused and latterly increasingly antagonistic. But in many ways Oliver Jessel was atypical of the new breed of financial entreprenuers with which he was associated.

His family background was firmly establishment and wealthy. His interest in business and finance first developed when he inherited a sizable personal fortune.

With this he started a number of enterprises in the early 1950s and from that beginning went on to invest money of friends and associates, spawning two trusts, the New Issue Permanent and Provincial Issues Permanent in the early 1960s.

Jessel Securities itself came to the stock market in 1965 by way of an introduction. Although a private company it already had about 200 individual and institutional shareholders who had apparently been attracted during the early, informal days of Mr Jessel's investment activity.

At this point he began showing his preference for industrial, rather than purely financial activities, and he acquired four companies in quick succession during 1968. This was the start of Jessel's conglomerate approach, a philosophy which has since attracted so much criticism.

The acquisitions, of France Fenwick, Demerara, Stevinson Hardy and Falks took him into activities as diverse as insurance broking, shipping, sugar plantations and even cookers.

While the acquisitions were justified at the time on the grounds that this was spreading group interests rather better, Mr Jessel's comments over the years make it clear that in spite of the numerous deals that pepper the progress of his companies, he felt that his real role lay in gingering-up apparently moribund management situations in British industry.

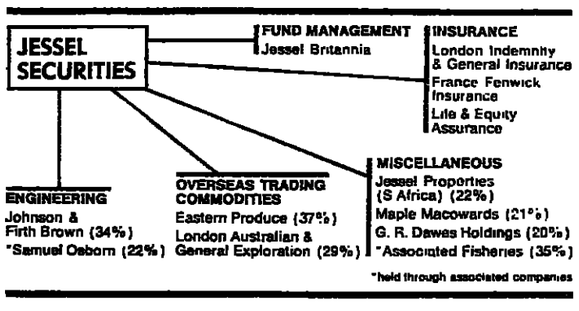
Early offer documents are enlightening. In the hard-fought offer for Falks the Jessel camp put out vigorous attacking propaganda on the state of the group's management, at one point expostulating: "Falks have inferred that they have brought in some sort of Dr Beeching. In fact, it is merely a subsidiary company director of long standing who has been placed on the main board".

While this criticism of British management was a consistent theme, 1970 saw Jessel Securities, like Slater, Walker, Barclay Securities and the rest of the new-style financiers, plunge into the business of asset-stripping, with the acquisition of a number of heavy engineering groups such as Rotherham Forge and Brightside Engineering.

But his followers hold the view that Mr Jessel has always maintained a longer-term outlook than most of his contemporaries, preferring to make things, rather than merely take on the less substantial business of an investment parlour.

This, at any rate is one explanation of his group's current heavy involvement in the private special steel sector via its investment in Richard Johnson & Nephew and the consequent bid for Firth Brown; while others, notably Slater, Walker have turned themselves into banking operations, an area which Jessel seems to have been only vaguely attracted to with its 20 per cent holding in G. R. Dawes.





As far as Jessel's management style goes, the relationships spawned with the group's associated companies have been designed to give young management talent its head, a situation that has not always been entirely successful to judge, for example, by Konrad Legg's controversial exit last year from Eastern Produce, one of the more enigmatic Jessel companies of which he was the main architect.

In spite of no formal education in the subject Mr Jessel, in recent years, has been loquacious about management. The P & O/Bovis affair in 1972 provided, in many ways, the highlight of his City career.

As the largest shareholder in the shipping group he fiercely challenged the capacities of the establishment board and the motives for the bid.

Earlier in the year he drew the wrath of the establishment with some typically colourful jibes at British industry in the magazine *Accountancy*. He referred to the country's "drunken and senile management" being unable to face up to "those tough German manufacturers" in export markets; and, not at all abashed by the fact that he was addressing an audience from the profession, Mr Jessel declared that he had had to retrain every accountant he had ever employed.

On the same tack he deplored neporism in British industry, a fact that critics have always found hard to reconcile with the presence of his younger brother Toby Jessel, the Tory MP, on the main board of Jessel Securities.

Until the clouds have settled after the present crisis within his empire it is impossible to assess quite what industrial contribution his group has made, although many observers consider that the various individual groupings are sound.

Jessel Securities has gone to some lengths to change an image which never attracted much institutional support and which has suffered through the various complicated reshufflings over the past few years. Last autumn it bought in the investment portfolios of its associated companies to concentrate dealing activities within the main company and clarify the sometimes confused line between dealing and industrial activity.

But in the past, dealing has ben lucrative; for instance, when Jessel traded in a big stake in the machine tools manufacturer Alfred Herbert. This type of dealing activity, and the high proportion of profits it produced, is the main reason for investors' disenchantment with groups like Jessel.

That, and the fact that so much appears to depend on the entrepreneurial wisdom of one personality. Mr Jessel brought this point out when he insured his life in a characteristic blaze of publicity in 192.

Whatever happens over the next few days, as the extent of Jessel's difficulties become clearer, it must again renew criticism of this type of corporate structure. And for Mr Jessel himself it must greatly reduce the chances of winning the authoritative City role which has been his ambition.

Crisis case for putting profit back into the food industry

The question whether Britain can be adequately fed in the later years of the decade dominates the minds of many leaders of the food industry. They look forward with trepidation to the promised referendum on EEC membership.

The case was expressed powerfully at the recent convention of the Food Manufacturers' Federation in Bournemouth, Jimmy Goldsmith, chairman of Cavenham, said in a speech that was barely mentioned beyond the limited confines of the trade press that some policymakers in Britain still believe, that the country merely had to pinpoint each year's surplus in the producing nations and buy it.

"They of course base this idea on the belief that we live in a world of plenty and that agricultural producers will continue indefinitely eagerly to seek buyers for their supluses. This is totally at variance with the facts."

He was supported from the floor by Mr Bill Bomford, a Worcestershire farmer, who later wrote to Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture: "Are you aware that as an industry we face a very grave and serious cash crisis? This is basically due to the tremendous increase in our input costs, labour, fertilizers, chemicals, machinery, fuel, etc."

Mr Bomford said at the conference that he believed that "given the cash we could increase home food production by 50 per cent by 1980". He spoke shortly before the Milk Marketing Board reported that the share of the British butter market held by the home product had been halved in 1974.

Under the statutory price controls created by the last Conservative government and borrowed by the last Labour one, consumer interests have been given overriding priority.

The Labour Party, mindful of the importance of the issue of prices in the February campaign, tightened controls by imposing a three-month interval on most price rise claims for each product. It also rejected the EEC system of floor support for cattle through intervention buying and substituted a premium to be paid for each animal slaughtered irrespective of the levels of market prices.

Now the representatives of the food producing and processing industries are waiting to burst through the doors of their respective ministries and urge the majority Labour Government to undo many of the food policy decisions of its minority predecessor.

Farmers believe that if the last government's livestock support policies continue the beef cattle and pig producing industries will collapse. Processors say that if the Government does not change some of the summer amendments to the Price Code there will be a wave of redundancies, shortages and cancellations of investment plans.

Each side will tell the Government that the damage caused by electorally motivated consumerist policies is already visible. Slaughtering of cattle persists at a higher rate than last year while the number of pigs available for pork and bacon has fallen after the extensive reduction of herd numbers earlier this year.

The Ministry of Agriculture reports that in September slaughtering of calves went on at almost four times the rate of the comparable month of last year. Steers and heifers were more than 25 per cent ahead of their 1973 figures.

Processors will point to the string of bakery closures this summer and the rationalization of Robertson Foods, which have together led to hundreds of redundancies. Demand has been low in some sectors, so that frozen food companies have had trouble moving their enormous stocks of fish while cake bakers have seen demand for their products drop well below projection.

Ideally the processors would like the Price Code to be so mangled as to be barely recognizable, while the farmers simply maintain that they need more money for just about everything they do. But priorities are elimination of the productivity deduction for processors and a new system of beef cattle support for farmers.

The former say that the deduction, which obliges companies to absorb half of their increased wage costs, is especially hard in a labour-intensive industry. One of the largest but least publicized companies in a sector that involves much laborious handwork foresees a wages bill doubling from £4¼m to £9m next year if present curbs continue.

Although the sponsoring government department for all of the food industries is the Ministry of Agriculture, the processors will make their claims about the code to the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection.

But the case from each side is similar in that it is aimed at reviving profitability and confidence and comes from an industry which regards itself very much as a special case.

In economic policy talks at 10 Downing Street, the food industries have traditionally spoken through delegations from the Confederation of British Industry.

In talks with ministers, however, they go independently.

The Food and Drink Industries Council is taking over from the Food Manufacturers' Association as the voice of the processors while the two National Farmers' Unions that cover England, Wales and Scotland speak for the farmers.

With hints of price reviews and encouragement for industrial development dropping frequently from ministerial lips they are sure that some sort of victory is in the bag. But they are ever fearful that it may be too little and too late.

Hugh Clayton

Business Diary: St Martins in the fief • Sindona speaks out

A change in ownership of St Martins Property Corporation became evident yesterday, four days after the Investments of Kuwait offer became unconditional.

Off the board came Sir Harold Harris, First Church Estates Commissioner and also Director of General Accident Life and Life Assurance, and came David Buchanan and Lance Dawson of the Kuwait Investment Office, as well as Kuwaiti civil servants, Fuad Mohammed Alsabah and Fuad Khalid Mohammed Jaffar.

This much was vouchsafed in the official announcement, but anybody trying to find out more was in for a thin time. Arab states are fractionally ahead even of Whitehall in the desire for secrecy.

By 4.30 pm there was nobody available at St Martins' London Bridge offices to talk about life, while at the Kuwaits' Basinghall Street fastness almost everybody had "gone home".

Within a few minutes, however, somebody must have changed his mind and come back again, for a subsequent telephone call to the offices revealed that at least one of the new St Martins directors was there, although as he was on the telephone himself he could not be reached.

While all this was going on, Sir Ronald was at Church House immersed in a meeting, and it was therefore difficult to discuss with him the manner of his going. The Kuwaitis said, however, that Sir Ronald's departure was not owing to opposition to the bid, but "probably something to do with the articles of association."

There was, however, reluctance to discuss the functions of the four new directors at the Kuwait Investment Office, where, it seems, everybody pitches in without distinction of rank.

People running public companies are, of course, perfectly entitled not to be in when newspaper chaps call. It would be totally irresponsible, on these flimsy grounds, to wonder whether in some companies at least the urge to inform is flagging still further; so Business Diary will not so wonder.

Breaking silence

Michele Sindona, the Sicilian-American financier, a warrant for whose arrest has been issued in Italy, yesterday broke his long silence with an appeal to President Giovanni Leone. He alleged he had been subjected to persecution by the financial authorities since 1971 and threatened legal action against them.

In a long statement from his Swiss office at 2, Rue de la Bourse, Geneva, he counter-attacked unspecified members of the Italian financial establishment.

Sindona, a self-made lawyer from Messina, first ran into difficulties some months ago with his Franklin National Bank in New York. In his statement he contested the grounds for the Italian warrant on charges of financial irregularities and also the government's order—formally deposited with the Milan tribunal today—to put his Banca Privata Italiana into forced liquidation.

He argued that there could not have been falsification of the balance sheet in his Italian banks in recent years because his banking activities had received approval of the Bank of Italy in its capacity of supervisor of the Italian banking system.

Sindona said he wished to denounce to the head of state, as guarantor of the constitutional rights of every citizen, "the persecution to which, since 1971, he has been subjected by some of the most important members of Italian public and private finance".

Wobaco formula

Yesterday, of all days, was a tough one to be promoting a new banking and financial service in the City of London. Not that Wobaco Investments is particularly concerned with certain local problems, but its approach to a London launching was attuned to the difficulties confronting operations of its type in this country.

Its parent, Wobaco Holdings, is a consortium bank with gross assets of $484m operating from the Bahamas, Grand Cayman, Luxembourg and Jersey. Understandably, it regards taxation as being one of its particular areas of expertise.

Its major shareholders are the Bank of America (45 per cent) and Toronto Dominion Bank (30 per cent), both of which are already well represented in consortium operations in London. But Wobaco, originally known as World Banking Corporation, is not going to be a conventional consortium bank.

Richard Coulson, the new managing director, explains that after holding talks with the Bank of England the company realized that it would be required to operate under some constraint if it chose to set up a full banking business, conforming to the tough standards regarding balance-sheet ratios which the Bank demands.

In fact, after a capital injection from shareholders recently, Wobaco's capital/deposit ratios are by no means unduly low. But to avoid running into growth problems at a later date, it has decided against a full banking presence, adopting instead the convoluted formula of a company "offering advisory, management and syndication services for international financing and project needs".

Whether a formula of this type will enable Wobaco, more than any other consortium bank, to secure the confidence of shareholders and depositors is an open question. Coulson, an American who came to Wobaco from Kuhn, Loeb, says that if the decision to open had to be taken again today it would probably not be any different.

But he says that the decision was actually taken a year ago, when the outlook for consortium banks was entirely different.

As you were?

One left Robb Caledon Shipbuilders' centenary party at Painters Hall in the City yesterday with the feeling that it was really rather meant to be quite a different sort of occasion.

Ostensibly, chairman Sir John Brown had called together the shipping industry's builders, brokers and attendant swarm of civil servants and scribes to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of what is now the group's Caledon shipyard, Dundee.

However, the party had been scheduled at a rather tenebrous time for the company, and there had been hopes that when the day dawned, there might have been grounds for rather more rejoicing than turned out to be the case.

The decisive event, of course, was the election and its result which, to judge by remarks of Sir John's in the annual review he delivered last month, was not at all to his liking.

Up until Tony Benn's announcement of plans for the nationalization of the shipbuilding, repair and marine engineering industries, Robb Caledon had been framing an application for government help under the Industry Act, 1972.

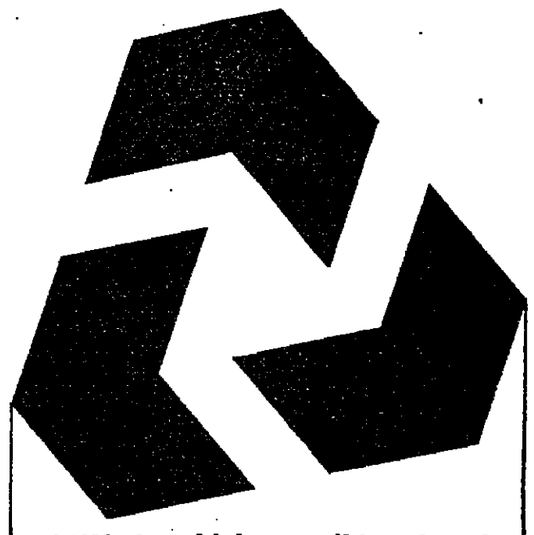
The group was looking for help towards the securing of about £12m (now probably nearer £14m) in cash for a two-year modernization programme.

In his review, Sir John said of the Benn announcement that the "formidable" task of securing the necessary equity capital to match the substantial proposed borrowings from the Government and from Robb Caledon's bankers had now become "virtually impossible" so long as there was uncertainty about the future direction and ownership of the industry.

Had the Tories been returned, then no doubt Robb Caledon could have expected the Government's share of the cash—possibly £2m—without a corresponding change in the "future direction and ownership" of them or anybody else.

Now, of course, it's as you were. Or is it? Will Tony Benn, yesterday confirmed as Secretary for Industry, be able to proceed in the spirit of the July announcement and, if so, how quickly?

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Thames blow holds Rediffusion TV at record £7.46m

By Tony May

Much of the excellent progress made in the first six month's trading was offset by a second-half fall at Rediffusion Television. On turnover up from £27.6m to £28m, pre-tax profits of this 54 per cent owned subsidiary of BET (the other big shareholders is Rediffusion with 37½ per cent) are up from £6.97m to a record £7.46m after being ahead from £3.38m to £5.1m at half time.

The second-half fall from £3.59m to £2.3m indicated by this, owes much to a £2m fall in profits of Thames Television to £4.6m for 1973-74. However, even though group trading profits are down from £6.7m to £4.6m, interest receivable has leapt from £263,000 to £2.8m.

Net profits are down from £3.86m to £3.66m, but after minorities of £1.09m, against £1.69m, the attributable goes ahead from £2.17m to £2.56m.

Pre-tax profits are arrived at after allowing for a halved interest charge of £6,500, and a contriubtion from associated companies held at £14,000.

At half-time, the board, under Sir John Spencer Wills, the chairman, said that the improved results of Thames Television, and the interest receipts from the sale of the Kingsway property had both helped

Shareholders were warned to expect a weaker contribution from Thames Television in the second half, but it was hoped that the contribution for the full year would still be up to the record £6.98m achieved in the previous term.

Guthrie offshoot to close

Guthrie-Pullen, a subsidiary of the Guthrie Corporation, engaged mainly in the fabrication of processing equipment for rubber estates, is to cease production by the end of the year.

The board say business has declined in recent years owing to the growth of local manufacture in the Far East, and the remainder of Guthrie-Pullen's activities have not proved sufficiently profitable to maintain the company

Lep bounds over £3m for first time in 71pc advance

Fears of Lep Group some 10 months ago that this group of international transport agents would not match the preceding year's 73 per cent increase proved to be somewhat groundless. In the event pre-tax profit for calendar year 1973 jumped 71 per cent to a comfortable new record at £3.15m—breaching the £2m and £3m marks for the first time.

Turnover in turn expanded from £20.6m to £25.78m while "net" earnings advanced from £1.01m to £1.78m after United Kingdom tax amounting to £526,000 against £186,000 and an overseas charge up from £600,000 to £839,000. On this basis the "attributable" works out at £1.74m compared with £982,000, while earnings per share bounded from 15.1p to 27.1p.

Return to profits at Balfour Darwins

For the first time since 1971, the Balfour Darwins Sheffield-based steel group has made a profit in the first six months' trading. A loss of £103,000 has been, turned into a profit of £588,000 before tax, including a contribution from associated companies. This is after interest charges amounting to £223,000, against £180,000 and was achieved on turnover up from £7.25m to £8.89m. Shareholders will receive an interim dividend of 0.55p. Last year there was no interim, but a final of 0.33p gross was paid.

Looking ahead, the board says that the overall results should show a substantial improvement on the £153,000 loss returned for the whole of last year. However, because of the uncertain world economic situation, the devaluation of Australian currency, and inflationary cost pressures on margins, the board cautions that it does not think that profits in the second half can match those of the first. Last year, the second half produced a loss of £50,000.

Ellis & Goldstein slips after brake on sales

The fact that the Ellis & Goldstein clothing group maintained its manufacturing capacity during the three-day week did not mean that its consequences were escaped. The subsequent drop in demand brought diminished retail sales in the first quarter, leaving a larger volume of stocks to be disposed of at sale prices in July.

The effect of this was that in the six months to July 31, profits before tax slipped by 8½ per cent to £912,000 from a turnover expanded from £9.73m to £11.33m. Earnings come out at 1.84p (2.21p) a share and the dividend is raised from 0.87p to 1.02p.

Mr D. Cannon, chairman, says order books for the current season are full and both retail and wholesale sales are at present substantially higher than 12 months ago. This will mitigate the pressure on margins being exerted by both increasing costs and price controls.

The chairman adds that with the new year-end date of January 31, the greater part of profits are likely to come in the second half and the current period should reflect this trend.

Howard & Wyndham to buy Warner publishing in UK

For about £1.9m Howard & Wyndham is to purchase the United Kingdom book and periodical publishing and distribution subsidiaries of Warner Communications Inc.

The price is equal to the net asset value of the companies and will be satisfied by the issue of loan notes and subscription warrants giving WCI the right to purchase 22 per cent of the equity.

In the year to last November the companies involved—Murrays Book Sales, Thorpe & Porter and Brown Watson—had turnover of £4.3m and profits after tax of £200,000. Current turnover is running at a similar rate but it is expected that profit as a percentage will be lower.

Stock markets

Strong rally in equities

The Prime Minister's call for united action against inflation received a warm welcome in the stock market. Share prices rose strongly from the opening of the market, and brushed aside the shock disclosure that Jessel Securities, the finance and insurance group, had called for a share suspension because of cash problems. Profit taking cut into gains at one time, but the final tone remained very firm, with the City further encouraged by the announcement of the date for the autumn Budget. The *FT* index closed 8.5 up at 205.7, after 207.0. *The Times* index added 3.05 to 79.18.

Turnover remained disappointing however. The total of recorded bargains showed a substantial rise at 6,915. But with stock very short, and most books, still suffering from the tight balance set for the election, share prices moved sharply when buyers appeared. Yesterday's buying came from the professional market men rather than from the institutions or the private investor.

The hope of help for industry was reflected in a strong demand for **Tube Investments**, 12p up at 180p, **GKN** 9p up at 152p, **Thorn** 4p up at 109p and **BICC** 5p up at 86p. Also helpful were the comments from Lord Stokes on **BLMC**'s plans and trading situation. **BLMC** shares improved by 1p to 10p. Less certain were **Hawker Siddeley**, which touched 197p on the prospect of Friday's half timer, only to slip to 184p (a net 6p down) after the group announced a halt to work on the HS-124 airliner.

The Jessel Securities suspension left its mark on the secondary finance sector, and also on those companies in which the group holds share stakes.

Johnson Firth Brown, main subsidiary of the Jessel group, fell to 23p initially but closed unchanged at 26p. Other share prices to suffer from Jessel stakes—direct or indirect—in the equity were **Associated Fisheries** (38p), **S. Osborn** (25p), **Maple Macowards** (16p) and **Eastern Produce (Holdings)** (25p).

Among secondary finance issues, there were cautious mark down in share prices for **Anglo-Continental Investment and Finance** (16p) and **Wintrust** (64p).

But the rest of the market was relatively unaffected. Leading banks, such as **Barclays Bank** (145p) and **National Westminster** (133p) closed below the day's best levels. Insurance shares did well, while among the hire purchase issues, **Mercantile Credit** added 2p to 31p after bear closing and vague takeover gossip.

Even the much battered property sector staged a determined recovery. Bear closing lifted **MEPC** (85p), **Stock Conversion** (63p) and **Great Portland Estates** (124p). But the trend of the whole sector improved on news of successful property sales by **Town & City** (17½p).

Glaxo Holdings put on a further 8p to 210p in continued response to good profit figures, and **Fisons** (179p), **ICI** (166p) **Courtaulds** (72p) and **Beecham** (133p) did well.

Indications that consumer spending is holding up boosted **British Home Stores** by 8p to 152p ahead of today's interim, **UDS** (54p) again moved up, while **Boots** (125p) and **Marks & Spencer** (119p) advanced.

Bargain hunting in food and hotel shares lifted **J. Lyons** "A" to 66p, and **Cavenhams** to 57p.

Of the special features, **Manchester Liners** crashed from 157p to 115p on news that Anglo Canadian Shipholders had completed its buying requirement but rallied to 118p, a net fall of 37p. **Cope Allman** (28p), and **Bunzle Pulp** (61p) strengthened on trading reports, and good news from **Tarmac** (93p) helped building shares.

Oil shares rose strongly behind Wall Street, but paused at the end, when Wall Street opened lower. Gold shares moved uncertainly to end with small losses.

Turnover in equities on Monday, October 14, totalled £32.6m, or 9,948 bargains.

The main feature of the gilt-edged market was greater firmness at the shorter end. Dealers said that there was some buying interest in "longs", but it was not sufficient to raise prices, while both "mediums" and "shorts" put on ground.

"Shorts" opened 1/32 point higher or at overnight levels. But in the morning they gained 1/16 or ⅛ point and, despite a pause around lunchtime, advanced a further 1/16 point in the afternoon, particularly in quite busy after-hours trading.

"Mediums" were often a point better on the day, while "longs" were mostly unchanged.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Albert Martin (20p) Int	1.25	1.2	16·1	—	3.45
Assoc Biscuits (20p) Int	1.68	1.6	—	—	3.2
Balfour Darwins (50p) Int	0.55	Nil	4/12	—	0.33
Bunzl Pulp (25p)	3.19	2.82	2/1	—	4.92
Cope Allman (5p) Fin	2.91	2	—	4.37	3.4
Courtney Pope (20p) Fin	3.45	3.05	—	5.01	4.55
Ellis & Goldstein (5p) Int	1.02	0.87	15/11	—	2.11
T. C. Harrison (25p) Int	1.64	1.57	2/1	—	4.29
House of Lerose (25p) Int	2.44	1.95	9/12	—	3.96
Kalamazoo (25p) Fin	1.34	1.28†	2/1	2.34	2.24
Lep Group (10p) Fin	2.52	2.36	—	3.56	3.36
Ldn & Strathclyde (25p) Fin	1.14	1.08	3/12	1.79	1.7
Office & Elec (25p) Int	1.47	1.31†	6/1	—	3.39†
Rediffusion TV (£1) Fin	11.8	13.12	20/11	24.41	23.62
W. A. Tyzack (10p) Fin.	1.73	1.65	26/11	2.35	2.25
Utd Real Prop (25p) Fin	2.8	2.69	28/11	4.†	3.94
... S. Int	1.14	1.28	28·11	1.14	1.39
Wire & Plastic (10p) Int	1.34	1.28	1/1	—	3.3

†-Adjusted for scrip.

Issues & Loans

Council coupons now at 12¾ pc

The coupon on local authority yearling bonds has dropped by ¼ of a point to 12¾ per cent, the lowest level for several months. The issue price was 99 15-16, and issues were by the following authorities: Berwick upon Tweed, Oxfordshire, Rother, Warwick, Lanarkshire, Lincoln, Moray & Nairn, Wandsworth, Dunbarton, Dundee, Edinburgh, Manchester, Stafford, Tendring, Test Valley, Woodspring.

ECGD Yugoslav loan

The Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed a loan of £6.38m towards the purchase of a 71,600 tdw bulk carrier by Atlantska Plovidba of Yugoslavia.

The ship will be built by Sunderland Shipbuilders and is scheduled for delivery in December, 1976.

The loan, which was arranged by Hill Samuel for National Westminster Bank, is repayable over a period of seven years from delivery at an interest rate of 7¼ per cent.

Christopher Wilkins

BELFAST BROKING LINK-UP

Two Belfast stockbroking firms AD Macilwaine and Wm Coates are to merge.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
Airlease 8% 1988	75	78
American Motors 9 1989	80	85
Anglo-American 7¼ 1987	60	65
Ashland 8 1987	74½	80½
Australasian 8 1987	78½	79½
BICC 7¾ 1987	86	91
Bluebell 7¼ 1987	87	92
Bristol 8¼ 1979	81	85
British Steel Corp 8¼ 1990	73	78
Burlington 7¾ 1987	77½	78½
Cadbury 7¾ 1990	86	88
Carrier 8 1987	79	80
Colombia 8¼ 1988	85	87
Coss Food 7¼ 1991	76½	77½
Copenhagen County Auth 7¼ 1987	79	77½
Coventry 8¼ 1981	84½	86½
Coventry 8¼ 1990	81	83
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	87½	88½
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	79½	80½
Dana 8 1987	78½	79½
Denmark Kingdom 7¼ 1990	75½	76½
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¼ 1993	72½	73½
Dundee 9¼ 1983	85	87
Escom 9¼ 1989	85½	85½
EIB 8¼ 1988	83½	84½
Eurofima 8¼ 1989	85½	86½
First Chicago 7 1980	90½	91½
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	75	78
Fisons 8¼ 1987	78	78
GATX 8¼ 1987	79½	80½
General Cables 8¼ 1987	75	78
Guardian Royal E 1987	70½	73½
GHH 7¾ 1988	72	74
Hambros 7¾ 1987	71½	72½
Hammerslg 8 1987	71	73
Hilton 7¾ 1987	73	75
ICI 7¾ 1993	86	86
International Dnf 8¼ 1982	80	80
Kleinwort 8¼ 1987	73½	73½
Lancashire 8¼ 1981	87	89
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	71	71
Manchester 8¼ 1981	81	83
Mexico 8¼ 1991	75	75
Michelin 7¾ 1988	72	74
Mitsubishi 8 1989	81	82
Motorola 8 1987	81½	82½
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	68	70
Nat Coal Board 8¾ 1988	77½	78½
Norges Komm 7¾ 1990	77½	78½
N. A. Rockwell 7¾ 1976	85½	86½
N. A. Rockwell 8¼ 1987	73½	74½
Nottingham 8¾ 1979	84	86
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	73½	75½
Pennwalt 8 1987	78	80
Quebec Hydro 8¼ 1989	85½	87
Quebec (Province) 7¾ 1988	76½	77½
Queensland 8¼ 1987	79	80
Ralston 7¾ 1987	80½	81½
RNM 8 1988	69	70
SAS 8 1987	73½	74½
Scanruff 7¾ 1990	78½	80
Scanruff 8¼ 1988	86½	87½
Shell 7¾ 1987	79½	80½
Singapore 7¾ 1987	70	72
Slough 8 1988	77	80
South Africa 8 1987	84	86
SIB 7¾ 1987	76	78
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	87½	88½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	88½	89½
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	88½	89½
Sweden 8 1987	77½	78½
Tenneco 7¾ 1974	88½	89½
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	77½	78½
Texiron 7¼ 1987	77	77
Town & City 8 1988	71	73
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	80½	82½
Union Oil 7 1976	85½	86½
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	81	82
UDI 8¾ 1988	80	82
Utah 7¾ 1976	88½	89½
Utah 8 1987	77½	78½
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	89	91
Volvo 8 1987	78½	79½
Wellcome 8¼ 1987	65	68
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	72	74

$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987	48	50
Alaska Int 6 1987	36	39
American Express 5¼ 1987	54	56
American Motors 6 1992	68	—
American Medical 5¼ 1992	84	86
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	84	86
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	84	86
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	84	86
Borden 5 1982	70	72
Borden 6¼ 1991	84	86
Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	39	41
Carnation 4¼ 1987	84	86
Cummins 6¼ 1986	84	86
Damon 3¼ 1987	39	41
Dart 4¼ 1987	72	74
Asia Navigation 5¼ 1989	39	41
Economic Labs 4¼ 1987	50	52
Eaton 5 1987	84	86
Ford 5 1988	84	86
Ford 6 1986	84	86
Fruehauf 5 1987	84	86
Gillette 4¼ 1987	84	86
Gould 5 1987	84	86
General Electric 4¼ 1987	84	86
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	62	64
Harris 5 1992	84	86
Honeywell 6 1986	84	86
Honskong Land Com 4¼ 1988	52	54
ITT 5 1987	84	86
ITT Sheraton 6¼ 1986	84	86
J Ray McDermott 4¼ 1987	52	54
J P Morgan 4¼ 1987	84	86
Nabarco 5 1987	84	86
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	84	86
Owens Illinois 4¼ 1987	84	86
J C Penney 4¼ 1987	84	86
Revlon 4¼ 1987	84	86
Ramada 6¼ 1986	84	86
Rank Org 4¼ 1990	84	86
Sime Darby 5¼ 1988	84	86
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	84	86
Slater Walker 5¼ 1987	84	86
Southland 4¼ 1987	84	86
Squibb 4¼ 1987	84	86
United Overseas Bank 5½ 1988	84	86
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1988	84	86
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	84	86
Xerox Corp 5 1988	84	86
NON-$ BONDS		
HASF (FF) 7¼ 1987	DM	DM
Bass (FF) 7¼ 1987	84	86
Bat Int Fin (FF) 7¼ 1987	84	86
Branzan (DM) 8¼ 1988	84	86
BLMC (FF) 7¼ 1987	84	86
Carnaud (FF) 7¼ 1987	84	86
Charter (DM) 6¼ 1986/93	84	86
Courtaulds (DM) 6¼ 1986/94	84	86
Denmark (DM) 8¼ 1989	84	86
Denmark (FF) 7¼ 1988	84	86
EIB (FF) 7¼ 1988	84	86
Escom (DM) 7 1975 88	84	86
Fuel (DM) 7¼ 1988	84	86
Goodyear (DM) 6¼ 1972 87	84	86
ICI (DM) 8 1987 88	84	86
Lafarge (FF) 7¼ 1987	84	86
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	84	86
Occidental (DM) 6¼ 1971 76	84	86
Sweden (DM) 8¼ 1970 85	84	86
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¼ 1988	84	86
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8 1985	84	86
Voest Alpine (DM) 8¼ 1988	84	86

DM=Deutschmarks. Fr=French Francs. FF=French Francs. †=Euro issue.

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Reports of the directors for the quarter ended 30th September 1974

TRANSVAAL

VAAL REEFS EXPLORATION & MINING COMPANY LIMITED

UED CAPITAL: 19 000 000 shares of 50 cents each
ANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1974
nnage 6 000 000 Grade 11.0 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1974	Quarter ended June 1974	9 months ended Sept. 1974
ERATING RESULTS			
s milled	1 517 000	1 513 000	4 454 000
ld—g/t	10.73	10.74	10.93
d produced—kg	16 272	16 250	48 674
enue per ton milled	R35.03	R37.77	R38.08
per ton milled	R16.90	R14.41	R15.12
fit per ton milled	R18.13	R23.36	R19.96
enue	R53 140 000	R57 135 000	R156 270 000
t	R25 640 000	R21 901 000	R67 356 000
fit	R27 509 000	R35 341 000	R88 914 000
ANIUM OXIDE			
s treated	875 320	892 579	2 388 299
s—kg. t	0.27	0.27	0.27
de produced—kg	235 481	239 643	646 365
fit (Loss) on sales	(R291 000)	—	(R284 000)
ANCIAL RESULTS			
king profit—Gold	R27 509 000	R35 341 000	R88 914 000
fit (Loss) on sale of—			
anium Oxide	(291 000)	—	(284 000)
ulphuric Acid	18 000	16 000	51 000
sundry revenue	899 000	822 000	1 974 000
	28 135 000	36 179 000	90 655 000
uct:			
ality to Southvaal Holdings limited—estimated	300 000	2 000 000	2 300 000
fit before taxation and State's are of profit	27 835 000	34 179 000	88 355 000
ation and State's share of profit estimated	11 302 000	16 329 000	40 385 000
fit after tax and State's share— stimated	R16 533 000	R17 850 000	R47 970 000
ital expenditure	R7 365 000	R5 818 000	R17 759 000
dends declared—amount	—	R19 000 000	R19 000 000
—per share	—	100 cents	100 cents

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT
mated consolidated profit after taxa- and State's share of profit of the pany and its wholly-owned sub- ry, Western Reefs Exploration and lopment Company Limited: R16 832 000 R17 769 000 R47 975 000

SHAFT SINKING—NO. 5 SHAFT (NORTH)

nce—metres	28.0	124.0	266.0
h to date—metres	2 105.0	2 077.0	2 105.0
on cutting—metres	432.6	214.2	1 034.2

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
t area							
Reef							
1 (North)	3 927	430	21.8	92.16	2.99	2 009	65.19
3 (North)	4 863	548	50.5	46.30	1.15	2 786	69.21
3 (South)	2 956	272	50.5	69.90	2.82	1 419	87.98
4 (North)	4 515	826	15.0	63.33	1.82	980	27.26
5 (North)	2 094	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 (South)	10 601	944	82.8	34.85	1.05	2 884	87.16
ter ended mber 1974	27 836	3 020	45.9	45.34	1.34	2 081	61.70
ter ended 1974	28 231	2 724	43.7	48.58	1.58	2 123	69.00
nths ended mber 1974	83 415	8 460	43.2	47.72	1.46	2 148	63.27
Reef							
1 (South)							
ter ended mber 1974	407	350	10.2	90.29	2.54	921	25.95
ter ended 1974	323	306	9.2	65.43	1.93	602	17.76
nths ended mber 1974	846	740	9.7	88.25	2.49	856	25.15

DIVIDEND PAID
A dividend of 100 cents per share declared during the quarter ended 30th June was paid on 8th August 1974.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1974 is R24 000 000. Orders placed and outstanding on capital expenditure contracts totalled R9 530 000.

BOREHOLE GZ. 2
An announcement was published in the press on 30th August 1974 regarding intersections of the Vaal Reef in this borehole.

UNDERGROUND FIRES
No. 3 and 4 SHAFTS—NORTH
A fire broke out on 64 level of No. 4 Shaft—North. This was brought under control by sealing off the area; there was no loss in production. At No. 1 Shaft—North a fire which broke out on 62 level on 20th September 1974 was brought under control by alterations to the ventilation system and sealing off of the area. A loss in production of some 5 000 tons resulted in October. A further loss of approximately 7 000 tons is expected in October.

VAAL REEFS SOUTH

Included in the above are the following figures in respect of the South Lease Area:
MODIFIED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1974
Tonnage 1 000 000 Grade 12.0 grams per ton (previously 12.8)

	Quarter ended Sept. 1974	Quarter ended June 1974	9 months ended Sept. 1974
OPERATING RESULTS			
milled	269 000	220 000	686 000
—g/t	11.15	12.76	12.33
produced—kg	2 999	3 807	8 461
ue per ton milled	R37.14	R44.06	R39.66
per ton milled	R17.23	R17.76	R17.51
t per ton milled	R19.91	R26.30	R22.15
ue	R9 990 000	R9 693 000	R27 207 000
t	R4 456 000	R3 907 000	R11 012 000
	R5 555 000	R5 786 000	R15 195 000
al expenditure	R4 546 000	R3 593 000	R10 413 000

DEVELOPMENT—SOUTH LEASE AREA

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
Reef							
er ended mber 1974	10 601	944	82.8	34.83	1.05	2 884	87.16
er ended 1974	11 096	672	85.0	31.48	1.09	2 676	92.67
nths ended mber 1974	33 076	2 128	85.7	31.32	1.02	2 684	87.45
Reef							
er ended mber 1974	407	350	10.2	90.29	2.54	921	25.95
er ended 1974	333	306	9.2	65.43	1.93	602	17.76
nths ended mber 1974	846	740	9.7	88.25	2.49	856	25.15

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1974 is R15 000 000. Orders placed and outstanding on capital expenditure contracts totalled R5 642 000.
For and on behalf of the board
D. A. Etheredge
D. E. Maciver } Directors

October 1974.

SOUTHVAAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

The attention of shareholders is directed to the report of Vaal Reefs Exploration and Mining Company Limited, set out above.

WEST DAGGAFONTEIN MINES LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 3 730 000 shares of R1 each
MODIFIED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1974
Tonnage 1 110 000 (previously 1 150 000) Grade 2.3 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1974	Quarter ended June 1974	9 months ended Sept. 1974
OPERATING RESULTS			
milled	250 000	289 000	836 000
—g/t	2.40	2.19	2.20
produced—kg	599	633	1 838
ue per ton milled	R8.38	R8.05	R7.76
per ton milled	R7.63	R5.94	R6.06
per ton milled	R0.76	R2.11	R1.70
ue	R2 088 000	R2 326 000	R6 560 000
t	R1 908 000	R1 715 000	R5 134 000
	R189 000	R611 000	R1 436 000
NCIAL RESULTS			
ng profit—Gold	R189 000	R611 000	R1 436 000
sundry revenue	48 000	68 000	149 000
	237 000	679 000	1 585 000
before taxation	17 000	286 000	635 000
ion—estimated			
after tax—estimated	R220 000	R394 000	R950 000
l expenditure	R9 000	—	R9 000
nds declared—amount	—	R560 000	R560 000
—per share	—	15 cents	15 cents

DIVIDEND PAID
A dividend of 15 cents per share declared during the quarter ended 30th June was paid on 8th August 1974.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1974 is R750 000.
Orders placed and outstanding on capital expenditure contracts totalled R1 000.

EXPANSION OF OPERATIONS
The attention of shareholders is directed to the company announcement which appeared in the press on the morning of 2nd July 1974 regarding the extension of underground mining operations until towards the end of 1975 and the treatment of the old Daggafontein No. 2 surface rock dump.
For and on behalf of the board
D. E. Maciver
D. A. Etheredge } Directors

October 1974

NOTES:
1) In respect of the Orange Free State Mines the planned production for the year ending 30th September 1975 has been based on the assumption that there will be sufficient Black labour to meet the tonnage targets.
2) Development values represent actual results of sampling, no allowance having been made for adjustments necessary in estimating ore reserves.

Copies of these reports will be available on request from the offices of the transfer secretaries:

CHARTER CONSOLIDATED LIMITED,
Kent House, Station Road, Ashford,
Kent TN23 1QB.

LONDON OFFICE: 40 HOLBORN VIADUCT, EC1P 1AJ.

WESTERN DEEP LEVELS LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 25 000 000 shares of R2 each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1974
Tonnage 3 000 000 Grade 16.0 grams per ton (previously 16.5)

	Quarter ended Sept. 1974	Quarter ended June 1974	9 months ended Sept. 1974
OPERATING RESULTS			
GOLD			
Tons milled	826 000	697 000	2 278 000
Yield—g/t	15.71	15.99	16.96
Gold produced—kg	12 976	10 915	36 349
Revenue per ton milled	R47.58	R56.70	R49.82
Cost per ton milled	R16.86	R16.86	R14.93
Profit per ton milled	R21.35	R39.84	R33.89
Revenue	R39 135 000	R39 519 000	R113 492 000
Cost	R13 940 000	R11 749 000	R36 297 000
Profit	R25 895 000	R27 770 000	R77 195 000
URANIUM OXIDE			
Tons treated	164 992	147 695	463 773
Yield—kg/t	0.21	0.23	0.22
Oxide produced—kg	34 611	34 126	103 859
Profit (Loss) on sales	R5 000	—	R5 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R25 895 000	R27 770 000	R77 195 000
Profit (Loss) on sale of Uranium Oxide	5 000	—	5 000
Net sundry revenue	809 000	706 000	2 076 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	26 709 000	28 476 000	79 276 000
Taxation and State's share of profit —estimated	13 276 000	15 594 000	41 348 000
Profit after tax and State's share —estimated	R13 433 000	R12 882 000	R37 928 000
Capital expenditure	R4 376 000	R3 334 000	R11 310 000
Dividends declared—amount	—	R17 500 000	R17 500 000
—per share	—	70 cents	70 cents

SHAFT SINKING

NO. 2 TERTIARY SUB-VERTICAL SHAFT			
Advance—metres	70.8	35.6	151.5
Depth to date—metres	505.4	454.6	505.4
Station cutting—metres	75.3	127.5	456.3
NO. 2 TERTIARY SUB-VERTICAL SHAFT			
Advance—metres			
Depth to date—metres	690.3	690.3	690.3
Station cutting—metres	338.5	264.7	895.1

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	gold value g/t	uranium value kg/t	gold cm.g/t	uranium cm.kg/t
Shaft area							
Carbon Leader							
No. 2	4 457	88	22.9	119.08	0.97	2 727	22.13
No. 3	5 494	276	21.1	194.93	1.66	4 113	35.06
Quarter ended September 1974	9 961	384	21.6	174.91	1.48	3 778	31.94
Quarter ended June 1974	8 575	250	24.7	162.43	1.38	4 012	34.18
9 months ended September 1974	28 878	952	25.4	144.80	1.37	3 678	34.73
V.C.R.							
No. 2	948	2	10.0	9.70	—	97	—
No. 3	482	66	77.5	34.18	—	2 649	—
Quarter ended September 1974	1 430	68	75.5	24.08	—	2 574	—
Quarter ended June 1974	1 040	124	34.6	13.44	—	465	—
9 months ended September 1974	3 689	350	45.5	30.48	—	1 387	—

DIVIDEND PAID
The dividend of 70 cents per share declared during the quarter ended 30th June 1974 was paid on 8th August 1974.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1974 is R15 500 000. Orders placed and outstanding on capital expenditure contracts totalled R8 543 000.

BOREHOLE UD. 25
An announcement was published in the press on 21st August 1974 regarding intersections of the Main Reef Carbon Leader Reef and North Leader Reef in this borehole.

ELANDSRAND GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED
A joint announcement by the company and Western Ultra Deep Levels Limited was published in the press on 4th September 1974, with regard to the new Elandsrand gold mine and the incorporation in the proposed new mining lease of approximately 515 hectares of the south-west portion of the existing Western Deep Levels lease area, in return for a 19.6 per cent participation in the initial equity capital of Elandsrand.
For and on behalf of the board
D. A. Etheredge
D. E. Maciver } Directors

16th October 1974

THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 3 300 000 shares of 25 cents each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1974
Tonnage 1 115 000 Grade 5.0 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1974	Quarter ended June 1974	9 months ended Sept. 1974
OPERATING RESULTS			
Tons milled	280 000	285 000	838 000
Yield—g/t	4.88	4.99	5.05
Gold produced—kg	1 371	1 423	4 232
Revenue per ton milled	R15.91	R17.13	R16.75
Cost per ton milled	R12.94	R11.29	R11.68
Profit per ton milled	R2.87	R5.84	R4.05
Revenue	R4 427 000	R4 884 000	R13 993 000
Cost	R3 624 000	R3 219 000	R9 791 000
Profit	R803 000	R1 665 000	R3 391 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R803 000	R1 665 000	R3 391 000
Net sundry revenue	111 000	102 000	322 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	914 000	1 767 000	3 713 000
Taxation and State's share of profit —estimated	192 000	762 000	1 369 000
Profit after tax and State's share —estimated	R722 000	R1 005 000	R2 344 000
Capital expenditure	R210 000	R45 000	R410 000
Dividends declared—amount	—	R1 405 000	R1 405 000
—per share	—	42.5 cents	43.5 cents

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	value g/t	cm.g/t
Quarter ended September 1974	2 958	2 484	63.9	8.61	550
Quarter ended June 1974	3 163	2 276	72.7	7.29	530
9 months ended September 1974	9 274	7 106	71.7	7.75	556

DIVIDEND PAID
The dividend of 42.5 cents per share declared during the quarter ended 30th June 1974 was paid on 8th August 1974.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1974 is R550 000.
Orders placed and outstanding on capital expenditure contracts totalled R96 000.

BOREHOLE W.7
An announcement was published in the press on 20th September 1974 regarding intersections of the Main Reef Leader in this borehole.
For and on behalf of the board
D. E. Maciver
D. A. Etheredge } Directors

16th October 1974

ORANGE FREE STATE

FREDDIES CONSOLIDATED MINES LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 1 000 shares of R2 each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1975
(see note)
Tonnage 800 000 Grade 6.0 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1974	Quarter ended June 1974	Year ended Sept. 1974
OPERATING RESULTS			
Mine Production—tons milled	174 000	175 500	688 500
Milled ore from Free State Geduld—tons	38 500	35 500	148 500
Milled ore from Western Holdings—tons	50 000	53 000	205 500
	262 500	264 000	1 042 500
Yield—g/t	6.90	11.03	10.96
Gold produced—kg	2 587	2 911	11 435
Revenue per ton milled	R33.44	R41.58	R35.94
Cost per ton milled	R16.89	R15.22	R15.08
Profit per ton milled	R16.55	R26.16	R18.86
Revenue	R8 813 000	R10 971 000	R35 585 000
Cost	R4 432 000	R4 016 000	R15 718 000
Profit	R4 081 000	R6 905 000	R19 665 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R4 081 000	R6 905 000	R19 665 000
Net sundry revenue	281 000	393 000	900 000
Profit before taxation	4 362 000	7 198 000	20 565 000
Taxation—estimated	896 000	3 123 000	7 604 000
Profit after tax—estimated	R3 666 000	R4 076 000	R12 961 000
Capital expenditure	R2 747 000	R1 462 000	R6 177 000
Dividends declared—amount	R4 000 000	—	R4 000 000
—per share	R4 000	—	R4 000

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	value g/t	cm.g/t
Basal Reef					
Quarter ended September 1974	2 421	500	35.1	29.20	1 025
Quarter ended June 1974	2 116	400	39.3	29.80	1 171
Year ended September 1974	8 634	1 818	35.7	31.01	1 107
Elsburg Reef					
Quarter ended September 1974	303	104	192.1	6.47	1 243
Quarter ended June 1974	355	158	231.9	2.16	500
Year ended September 1974	1 331	478	206.7	3.67	758
Kimberley Reef					
Quarter ended September 1974	2 922	314	180.6	7.08	1 279
Quarter ended June 1974	3 064	658	173.5	11.40	1 976
Year ended September 1974	11 525	2 240	164.4	8.85	1 455

ORE RESERVES

	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
As at 30th June 1974	2 023 000	118.0	10.00	1 180
As at 30th June 1973	1 416 000	117.4	11.07	1 300

The above ore reserves at 30th June 1974 have been calculated at pay limits based on a gold price of R3 000 per kilogram. The reserves at 30th June 1973 were based on a gold price of R1 800 per kilogram.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 30th September 1975 is R4 000 000. Orders placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1974 totalled R1 591 000.

BOREHOLE EV. 2
An announcement was published in the press on 20th September 1974 regarding intersections of the Basal Reef in this borehole.

FUTURE OPERATIONS
In terms of the scheme for the continuation of mining operations at Freddies, initiated some years ago, the pumping of milled ore from Free State Geduld and Western Holdings ceased at 30th September 1974. Freddies' own mining operations are now in the course of being expanded from its present level of 59 000 tons a month to reach a level of production which will enable the company to mine, mill and treat 86 000 tons a month by October 1978.
For and on behalf of the board
D. E. Maciver
G. Y. Nisbet } Directors

16th October 1974

WESTERN HOLDINGS LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 7 496 375 shares of 50 cents each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1975
(see note)
Tonnage 3 000 000 Grade 14.0 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1974	Quarter ended June 1974	Year ended Sept. 1974
OPERATING RESULTS			
Tons milled	707 000	576 000	2 561 000
Yield—g/t	16.04	14.99	16.25
Gold produced—kg	11 345	8 637	41 665
Revenue per ton milled	R52.96	R56.02	R49.44
Cost per ton milled	R12.74	R15.45	R12.39
Profit per ton milled	R40.22	R40.57	R37.15
Revenue	R37 439 000	R32 268 000	R126 606 000
Cost	R9 006 000	R7 749 000	R31 762 000
Profit	R28 433 000	R24 519 000	R95 144 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R28 433 000	R24 519 000	R95 144 000
Dividend received from Freddies Consolidated	2 000 000	—	2 000 000
Net sundry revenue	1 347 000	905 000	3 932 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	31 780 000	25 424 000	101 076 000
Taxation and State's share of profit—estimated	19 196 000	16 768 000	64 624 000
Profit after tax and State's share—estimated	R12 584 000	R8 656 000	R36 452 000
Capital expenditure	R1 090 000	R407 000	R2 077 000
Dividends declared—amount	R20 890 000	—	R35 369 000
—per share	280 cents	—	435 cents
Milled ore delivered to Freddies Consolidated not included in 'Tons milled' above	50 000	53 000	205 500

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	value g/t	cm.g/t
Shaft area					
Basal Reef					
No. 1	1 651	222	19.2	126.46	2 428
No. 2	1 689	214	21.0	132.97	2 779
No. 3	1 971	245	40.2	58.56	2 359
No. 4	2 921	340	7.5	325.48	2 376
Quarter ended September 1974	8 232	1 622	27.0	75.04	2 026
Quarter ended June 1974	3 707	730	29.1	69.83	2 032
Year ended September 1974	25 996	4 592	29.2	72.88	2 128

ORE RESERVES

	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
Shaft area				
No. 1	1 954 000	118.7	24.90	2 955
No. 2	2 906 000	120.2	19.35	2 326
No. 3	3 225 000	124.0	10.96	1 359
No. 4	1 706 000	115.4	18.62	2 167
As at 30th June 1974	9 853 000	130.5	17.52	2 111
As at 30th June 1973	9 271 000	120.4	18.89	2 273

The above ore reserves at 30th June, 1974 have been calculated at pay limits based on a gold price of R3 000 per kilogram. The reserves at 30th June 1973 were based on a gold price of R1 800 per kilogram.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 30th September 1975 is R6 000 000. Orders placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1974 totalled R3 290 000.

FREDDIES CONSOLIDATED MINES
Attention is drawn to the report published in conjunction herewith on the operations of Freddies Consolidated Mines Limited, all the issued shares in which are held in equal proportions by this company and Free State Geduld Mines Limited.
For and on behalf of the board
D. E. Maciver
G. Y. Nisbet } Directors

16th October 1974.

FREE STATE SAAIPLAAS GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 12 491 870 shares of R1 each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1975
(see note)
Tonnage 1 050 000 Grade 4.5 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1974	Quarter ended June 1974	Year ended Sept. 1974
OPERATING RESULTS			
GOLD			
Mine production—tons milled	247 000	256 000	1 113 000
Yield—g/t	4.65	5.10	5.21
Gold produced—kg	1 148	1 302	5 913
Revenue per ton milled	R17.57	R19.86	R17.41
Cost per ton milled	R14.53	R11.46	R10.68
Profit per ton milled	R3.04	R8.40	R6.73
Revenue	R4 341 000	R5 074 000	R19 369 000
Cost	R3 589 000	R2 928 000	R11 878 000
Profit	R 752 000	R2 146 000	R 7 491 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R 752 000	R2 146 000	R 7 491 000
Profit on sale of Uranium Oxide	20 000	—	20 000
Net sundry revenue	452 000	325 000	1 039 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	1 224 000	2 471 000	8 550 000
Taxation and State's share of profit —estimated	2 229 000 Cr.	1 371 000	1 698 000
Profit after tax and State's share—estimated	R3 453 000	R1 100 000	R 6 852 000
Capital expenditure	R4 129 000	R 244 000	R 4 829 000
Dividends declared—amount	R1 999 000	—	R 1 999 000
—per share	16 cents	—	16 cents
Tonnage treated for President Brand on a toll basis	137 500	136 500	546 000
Tonnage milled and treated for President Steyn on a toll basis	75 000	54 500	129 500

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	value g/t	cm.g/t
Basal Reef					
Quarter ended September 1974	1 078	412	86.5	7.04	609
Quarter ended June 1974	990	262	83.0	5.77	479
Year ended September 1974	3 238	906	90.8	6.40	581
Leader Reef					
Quarter ended September 1974	231	—	—	—	—
Quarter ended June 1974	251	20	95.3	3.73	348
Year ended September 1974	966	326	74.8	6.06	453

ORE RESERVES

	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
As at 30th June 1974	3 260 000	132.1	5.82	769
As at 30th June 1973	1 937 000	133.9	6.52	846

The above ore reserves at 30th June 1974 have been calculated at pay limits based on a gold price of R3 000 per kilogram.
The reserves at 30th June 1973 were based on a gold price of R1 800 per kilogram.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 30th September 1975 is R10 000 000
Orders placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1974 totalled R3 995 000.
EXPANSION OF OPERATIONS
A joint announcement by the company and President Brand Gold Mining Limited was published in the press on 2nd August, 1974 relating to the proposed expansion of operations at Free State Saaiplaas involving, inter alia, the sinking of a new shaft in the western portion of the company's lease area.
For and on behalf of the board
D. A. Etheredge
G. Y. Nisbet } Directors

16th October 1974

WELKOM GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 12 250 000 shares of 50 cents each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1975
(see note)
Tonnage 2 150 000 Grade 8.5 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1974	Quarter ended June 1974	Year ended Sept. 1974
OPERATING RESULTS			
Tons milled	538 000	413 000	1 866 000
Yield—g/t	7.66	7.79	8.29
Gold produced—kg	4 119	3 217	15 471
Revenue per ton milled	R24.93	R25.99	R25.25
Cost per ton milled	R14.40	R15.04	R13.79
Profit per ton milled	R10.53	R10.85	R11.44
Revenue	R13 414 000	R10 690 000	R47 083 000
Cost	R7 750 000	R6 210 000	R25 736 000
Profit	R5 664 000	R4 480 000	R21 346 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R5 664 000	R4 480 000	R21 346 000
Net sundry revenue	207 000	225 000	908 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	5 871 000	4 705 000	22 254 000
Taxation and State's share of profit —estimated	2 719 000	2 506 000	11 698 000
Profit after tax and State's share —estimated	R3 152 000	R2 200 000	R10 556 000
Capital expenditure	R1 109 000	R344 000	R2 005 000
Dividends declared—amount	R3 675 000	—	R6 758 000
—per share	30 cents	—	55 cents

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	value g/t	cm.g/t
Shaft area					
Basal Reef					
No. 1	1 077	252	10.8	57.41	620
No. 2	1 256	71	31.5	21.27	670
No. 3	1 751	38	8.4	448.81	3 770
Quarter ended Sept. 1974	4 050	374	74.7	64.62	850
Quarter ended June 1974	1 880	322	12.4	89.19	1 106
Year ended Sept. 1974	16 342	2 292	16 1	73.51	1 110

ORE RESERVES

	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
Shaft area				
No. 1	2 065 000	103.2	7.50	774
No. 2	3 662 000	170.7	7.27	1 240
No. 3	1 770 000	109.2	16.87	1 842
As at 30th June 1974	7 497 000	116.7	9.56	1 116
As at 30th June 1973	8 933 000	113.0	10.93	1 237

The above ore reserves at 30th June 1974 have been calculated at pay limits based on a gold price of R3 000 per kilogram. The reserves at 31st June 1973 were based on a gold price of R1 800 per kilogram.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Estimated expenditure for the year ending 30th September 1975 is R7 000 000.
Orders placed and outstanding on capital contracts as at 30th September 1974 totalled R1 707 000.

For and on behalf of the board
D. A. Etheredge
G. Y. Nisbet } Directors

16th October 1974.

FREE STATE GEDULD MINES LIMITED

ISSUED CAPITAL: 10 000 000 shares of 50 cents each
PLANNED PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1975
(see note)
Tonnage 2 350 000 Grade 17.0 grams per ton

	Quarter ended Sept. 1974	Quarter ended June 1974	Year ended Sept. 1974
OPERATING RESULTS			
Tons milled	555 000	458 000	1 926 000
Yield—g/t	18.24	20.31	20.34
Gold produced—kg	10 123	9 311	39 186
Revenue per ton milled	R58.73	R65.65	R65.54
Cost per ton milled	R13.15	R13.29	R12.75
Profit per ton milled	R45.58	R52.35	R52.79
Revenue	R32 597 000	R31 462 000	R126 270 000
Cost	R7 300 000	R6 051 000	R24 561 000
Profit	R25 297 000	R25 411 000	R101 805 000
FINANCIAL RESULTS			
Working profit—Gold	R25 297 000	R25 411 000	R101 805 000
Dividend received from Freddies Consolidated	2 000 000	—	2 000 000
Net sundry revenue	919 000	851 000	2 891 000
Profit before taxation and State's share of profit	28 216 000	26 262 000	96 696 000
Taxation and State's share of profit—estimated	16 430 000	17 455 000	61 870 000
Profit after tax and State's share—estimated	R11 786 000	R8 807 000	R35 015 000
Capital expenditure	R1 929 000	R371 000	R3 301 000
Dividends declared—amount	R20 000 000	—	R31 000 000
—per share	200 cents	—	310 cents
Milled ore delivered to Freddies Consolidated not included in 'Tons milled' above	38 500	35 500	148 500

DEVELOPMENT

	Advance metres	Sampled: metres	channel width cm	value g/t	cm.g/t
Shaft area					
Basal Reef					
No. 1	2 721	108	27.5	35.15	975
No. 2	2 417	79	11 H	58 11	1 003
No. 3	2 705	67	37.3	46.9	1 747
No. 4	1 186	230	31 9	141.07	4 500
Quarter ended September 1974	8 529	512	28.2	83.26	2 630
Quarter ended June 1974	1 601	108	14.9	170.27	2 547
Year ended September 1974	23 474	1 983	29.1	97 70	2 845

ORE RESERVES

	Tons	Stope width cm	Value g/t	Cm.g/t
Shaft area				
No. 1	2 370 000	118 4	25 51	2

epic Estates Property Investment Company Limited

Results for year ended 30th April, 1974

	1974 £000	1973 £000
Gross rental income	1,626	1,549
Net property income	1,345	1,275
Surplus available for distribution	481	459
Dividends — net	2.4118p	2.4118p

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr A. R. Perry:

★The accounts reflect the higher interest rates which have materially affected the results. Gross rental income at £1,626,000 shows a further small increase and reflects the completion and subsequent letting of new developments.

★The freezing of rents has so far had little effect on the Group. The current and succeeding years will, however, suffer progressively more as initial rent reviews fall due; those few reversions which are currently due are being agreed at figures substantially in excess of the rents now being paid and will, we hope, benefit us in due course.

★In view of the political uncertainties affecting the property market, the Board has decided to defer the commencement of any new building outside the South East. The next phase on the estate at Sittingbourne has been commenced and the offices on the second site in Epsom are approaching completion. In Brussels, plans have been brought forward and preparatory work on the site has commenced.

★During the year Commuters Homes Ltd. was acquired; this company owns residential building land at Henfield in Sussex.

★The Board has reviewed the value of the Group's properties and is confident that it remains substantially in excess of the book value.

Copies of the complete Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretaries, W. H. Stentiford & Co., 75/76 Little Britain, London EC1A 7JR

Westbrick Products Limited

Notice is hereby given of the appointment of Lloyds Bank Limited as Registrar of the Company.

All correspondence and documents for registration regarding the Share Register should in future be sent to:—

Lloyds Bank Limited,
Registrar's Department,
The Causeway,
Goring-by-Sea,
Worthing,
West Sussex, BN12 6DA.

Tel: Worthing 502541—(STD Code 0903)

E D Dyer, F.C.I.S.
Secretary

The Associated Biscuit Manufacturers Limited

INTERIM REPORT

Unaudited results for the first 36 weeks trading of 1974

	36 weeks, 1974	36 weeks, 1973	Year 1973
Sales:	£000	£000	£000
U.K. Companies	49,523	36,871	60,387
Overseas Companies	23,844	21,670	28,555
Share of Associated Company	1,868	1,226	2,406
	75,235	59,767	91,348
Profit before tax:			
U.K. including Associated Company	2,564	2,398	4,650
Overseas including Licensing	913	940	1,866
	3,477	3,338	6,516
Less interest	544	439	616
	2,933	2,899	5,900
Less estimated taxation	1,665	1,684	3,097
	1,268	1,215	2,803
Less minority interest (India)	112	153	244
	1,156	1,062	2,559

U.K. COMPANIES. Sales of the Biscuit Division (Huntley & Palmers, Jacob and Peek Frean), OP Chocolate and Huntley Boorne & Stevens show a 34% increase mainly attributable to higher selling prices resulting from the increased cost of raw materials. Whilst the profit is comparable to last year there has been a reduction in margin which can be ill afforded. It is hoped that Government will recognise industry's liquidity problems caused by inflation and relax price control.

CHOCOLAT TOBLER MELTIS. ABM and Interfood S.A. are negotiating with a view to the sale of ABM's 50% interest in Chocolat Tobler Meltis.

OVERSEAS COMPANIES' sales were up 10% after 36 weeks; profits though down 2.8% are expected to show an increase by the end of the year. The Australian Company has very substantially reduced its loss in the period under review but against the background of the Australian economy its future must remain uncertain.

PROSPECTS AND INTERIM DIVIDEND. Taking into account our world-wide spread of interests the performance between now and the end of the year is expected to compare well with last year. In these uncertain times it is impossible to give an opinion beyond the end of 1974. An Interim Dividend of 5.6% net of imputed tax credit has been declared and will be paid on 3rd January, 1975.

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Ellis & Goldstein

Manufacturers, distributors and retailers of ladies outerwear — Eastex, Dereta, Dumarsel, Laira Lee

INTERIM RESULTS

The unaudited, consolidated results of Ellis & Goldstein (Holdings) Limited for the half-year ended the 31st July 1974, are:

	6 Months to 31 July 1974	6 Months to 31 July 1973
Turnover	£11,339,468	£9,738,631
Group profit before Tax	£912,403	£996,354
Corporation Tax	£490,000	£488,500
Interim Ordinary Dividends	.689p	.6125p
Earnings per Stock Unit	1.84p	2.31p

Points from the Interim Statement by the Chairman, Mr. D. Cannon.

Half-year results are now taken to July instead of April and so we show a different seasonal and half yearly pattern. This is because the realisation of retail stocks in January is invariably more profitable than in July.

The lower profits for the six months to July 1974 reflect consequential effects of the three day week for although the use of manufacturing capacity was maintained, a lower level of retail demand in the first quarter left larger stocks to be realised in the second quarter. Nevertheless, all turnovers increased particularly retail sales overseas which more than doubled.

Order books currently are full and all sales are substantially higher than last year which should mitigate increasing costs and the pressure on margins. It is likely that our second half year will produce the greater part of the annual profit both in this and future years.

An Interim Dividend of .689 pence per Ordinary Stock Unit will be paid on 15th November 1974 (1973, .6125 pence).

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Office & Electronic set for new peak

Office and Electronic Machines, which last year passed the £1m mark with profits of £1.2m, are well placed to achieve a fresh record this year. At halftime, taxable profits show a gain of 10.6 per cent from £596,000 to £659,000. The interim dividend is being lifted from equal to 1.31p to 1.47p, the maximum allowable, and with the group in such good shape the board say they intend doing the same on the final dividend.

Mr E. Markus, the chairman and managing director, reports that turnover for the first quarter of the second half has been encouraging, while improvements in the sales mix are offsetting rising overheads to preserve margins. The group's strong liquidity has been put to good use in meeting the increase in working capital caused by inflation and in purchasing stock to anticipate rising costs.

Inflation hits Xerox margins

Although the Xerox Corporation's revenue growth is expected to continue in the fourth quarter it sees no easing of the inflation which has been hitting profit margins. A third quarter revenue up by $5m to $82m (from 97 cents to 104 cents a share) brings the total for the first nine months to $250m, against $223m, or 315 cents (282 cents) a share.

The company says world-wide inflation is the most important factor behind its lower-than-average net income gain in the third quarter. "The impact of inflation clearly exceeded our ability to offset this pressure by raising prices and instituting still further operating efficiencies", the company said.

Utd Real Property

United Real Property Trust, the London-based investment and development group owning property in London, Birmingham and Australia, has turned in record pre-tax profits for the year ended April 5. These are shown to have moved up from £1.15m to £1.4m having recorded a gain from £513,000 to £673,000 at half time. The total dividend is being raised from 3.94p to 4.1p with a final payment of 2.8p and in order to avoid an assessment under the provisions relating to close companies the board are paying a specail second interim of 1.14p against 1.29p.

Lerose liquidity position sound

With all companies trading profitably House of Lerose, the Birmingham textile and fashion group, reports interim profits up 6 per cent to £513,000 pre-tax out of sales 11 per cent higher at £4.23m. The dividend is raised by the maximum 12½ per cent from 1.95p to 2.44p.

Mr Martin Rose, chairman, says that although the group is financing higher stocks the liquidity position is sound. Orders are being booked for next spring's garment ranges both at home and on the Continent and the indications are that the company will be able to sell forward its total capacity.

But in view of the economic uncertainty Mr Rose will not hazard a full-year forecast. Last time profits were slightly ahead at a best-ever £1.2m.

BLMC bids for SA minority

Leyland South Africa, in which British Leyland Motor Corporation has an 80 per cent equity stake, says BLMC are offering to acquire the LSA shares it does not already own on the following basis: 170 cents in cash for each 50c ordinary share, 170 cents for each preferred ordinary shares and 200 cents for each per cent cumulative preference share. LSA's earnings for the year ended September 30 are expected to amount to about 25 cents a share, but earnings per share are expected to decline substantially in 1975.—Reuter.

T C Harrison

T. C. Harrison, the Sheffield-based Ford main dealers, have done better than expected in the first half to June 30, although both turnover and profits declined. At the annual meeting last June the chairman, with five months figures to hand, said taxable profits were showing a fall of 11.5 per cent. In the event the figures for the full six months show a 2.4 per cent fall from £428,000 to £418,000 from turnover down from £8.1m to £7.5m. The interim dividend is 1.64p against 1.57p.



Mr E. Markus, chairman and managing director of Office and Electronic Machines: Strong liquidity and margins protected.

Courtney Pope at new 'high'

Having pushed its taxable profits for 1973-74 to a new record of £521,000 against £446,000, the board of Courtney Pope (Holdings) says that for the current year, it seems likely that the present level of profits will be "at least maintained". However, it would be premature to make a forecast under present conditions.

Meanwhile, turnover is up from £6.88m to £8.02m, while on net profits down from £262,000 to £238,000, the dividend is increased from 4.55p to 5.01p. Earnings a share come out at 9.7p, against 10.7p.

Capseals

In line with expectations, taxable profits of Capseals, the packaging materials group in which Cope Allman holds over half the equity, are ahead from £534,000 to a record £888,000 for 1973-74. Moreover, the board forecasts a further improvement this year.

Earnings a share go ahead from 2.58p to 3.35p, while the dividend is increased from 0.88p to 1.37p.

DST's offer for loan stock

Holders of Direct Spanish Telegraph's £3.7m nominal 5 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1992-97 are being offered £42 for each £100 nominal of the stock by the company. The offer will be sent out as soon as possible by First National Industrial Trust on behalf of the company. First National Finance has a substantial stake in Direct Spanish.

The offer is not conditional upon any level of acceptance, but stockholders who accept the company's cash offer will not receive the £2.50 per cent interest payment for the half-year to December 21.

An early accepter of the offer is Pensman Nominees, which has agreed to accept on its own stake of £2.6m nominal of the stock.

As trustees for the Direct Spanish loan stock, the Phoenix Assurance company has confirmed that this offer is in accordance with the terms on which the trust deed allows the stock to be purchased for redemption.

Spear & Jackson deal

For 2.5m Swedish Kronor (£250,000 cash) Spear & Jackson have acquired Stritsberg & Biorch of Trollhattan. The Swedish government and the Bank of England have consented to the deal.

W A Tyzack

Confirming earlier hopes, profits of W. A. Tyzack, makers of precision engineering components, jumped 48 per cent to a record £397,000 pre-tax in the year to July 31.

A final dividend of 1.73p (1.65p) raises the total payout from 2.25p to 2.35p.

Mining

Leading Anglo mines do well

What stands out from the Anglo American quarterlies is that the major mines such as Free State Geduld and Western Holdings have, even disregarding tribute payments, managed to maintain profits in the September quarter and, in some cases to exceed those of the June quarter. The smaller mines such as Saaiplaas and Freddies have continued the trend seen in the other mining groups announcing figures this week.

The best performance is probably that of Western Holdings where the working profits include an R2m dividend from Freddies. Here, there was a more than full recovery in the milling rate from the riot-affected June quarter total of 576,000 tonnes to 707,000 tonnes, with a slight improvement in grade going a long way to offset the drop in the gold price from $168 to $154.

At Vaal Reefs, costs were the most significant factor behind the profits drop—the contribution from the South Lease area was down R421,000 at R5.36m—while there was an R291,000 loss on uranium sales. Welkom is also recovering from tribal fighting with the tonnage milled up sharply from 413,000 to 538,000 tonnes. The production estimate for the current year is a maintained September quarter milling rate—2.15m tonnes for the year but a drop in grade from 1974's 8.29 to 6.5 g/t with the obvious implications for profits unless the gold price does take off.

The group's September working profits compared with those for the June and March quarters are as follows:—

Working profits R000's	Sept	June	March
East Dagga	189	611	636
Freddies	4,081	6,905	4,389
F S Geduld	27,297	25,411	23.319
Pres Brand	25,067	27,450	19,765
Pres Steyn	16,931	18,827	13,606
Saaiplaas	772	2,146	2,483
Sallies	803	1,665	923
Vaal Reefs	27,236	35,357	26,088
Welkom	5,664	4,480	5,114
W Deep	25,890	27,770	23,530
W Holdings	30,433	24,519	22,406

General Mining's offer for Unicorp lapses

General Mining has now formally announced that its offer for Union Corporation will lapse following the refusal by the Takeover Panel to allow it to proceed. This leaves GFSA as the sole supplicant for Unicorp. Its offer closes on October 25, but there is now the decided possibility that it will extend the period for acceptance.

Signs of recovery at Hamersley

Third quarter figures from Hamersley Holdings in the September quarter give the first real signs of the long-awaited recovery with earnings for the three months at the same level as the combined total for the preceding half year.

So while the period's earnings are down from the 1973 figure of $A10.3m to $6.94m, the nine months total is only $2.96m down at $13.9m.

Damper on Unisel

Applications for the 5 million shares offered in Unisel Gold Mines in the event turned out lower than first seemed likely. The South African public applied for just over 9.72 million shares at the issue price of 290c and will receive about half the number of shares requested in their allotments.

Anglovaal profits

Working profits of the Anglovaal Group for the September quarter were—Hartebeestfontein R15.24m (R20.9m), Loraine R1.99m (R4.76m) and East Transvaal R651,000 (R1.26).

At Consolidated Murchison, after higher antimony selling prices, pretax profits jumped from the June quarter's R2.20m to R6.77m, while net profits were up from R1.78m to R4.43m.

A less happy tale emerges from Prieska Copper Mines where delays in shipments and the fall in the metal price left the quarter's pretax profit down from R6.65m to R805,000 and from R6.0m to R82,000 at the net level.

Andrew Wilson

Wall Street

New York, Oct 15.—Wall Street stocks fell sharply early today following heavy profit-taking after a week of strong gains. However, towards noon the market rallied and at midday the Dow Jones industrial average was off just 4.54 at 663.96 after being over 10 points down at one stage.

Yesterday the Dow Jones industrial average rose 15.33 to 673.50 after an advance of 55.54 points in the three previous sessions.

Volume totalled 19,770,000 compared with 20,090,000 on Friday.

	Oct 14	Oct 11
Allied Chem.	32¾	32½
Allied Stores	19	19⅜
Allied Supermkt.	3½	3⅜
Allis Chalmers	9⅜	9⅜
Alcoa	38	35¾
Amax Inc	36⅛	36⅜
Amerada Hess	16⅞	17⅛
Am. Airlines	8⅜	8⅜
Am. Brands	33¾	32⅞
Am. Broadcast	15⅞	16⅛
Am. Can.	26¾	26⅝
Am. Cyan.	20⅜	20
Am. El. Power	17⅛	17⅛
Am. Home	34⅜	34⅜
Am. Motors	5⅛	5
Am. Nat. Gas	21¼	21⅛
Am. Smelt.	18	17⅝
Am. Standard	9⅛	9
Am. Tel.	46	44⅞
Amf. Inc.	12⅝	12⅜
Anaconda	17⅞	17
Armco Steel	21½	21¼
Ashland Oil	17⅞	17⅝
Atl. Richfield	85⅞	86½
Avco	3⅝	3⅝
Avon Prod.	26⅜	25¾
Babcock & Wcox	14	14¼
Bankers Tr NY	36¼	35⅞
Bank of Am.	31⅛	30
Bank of N.Y.	28	27
Beat Fds.	15¼	14⅞
Bect. Dick	27	26⅜
Bell & Howell	13⅜	12⅞
Bendix	24½	23⅞
Beth. Steel	27¼	27⅛
Boeing	11	11
Boise Cascade	12	12⅛
Borden	19⅞	18⅞
Borg Warner	16⅛	16¼
Bristol Myers	40⅞	38⅝
BP	6⅞	6¼
Budd	3⅝	3⅝
Burl. Ind.	19	18⅜
Burlington Ntnn	35⅞	35⅜
Burroughs	75⅜	73⅞
Campbell Soup	29⅞	29⅜
Canadian Pac.	13⅞	13⅞
Caterpillar	50⅝	48⅜
Celanese	29⅜	28¾
Central Soya	11⅞	11⅝
Charter N.Y.	22	21⅞
Chase Manhat.	29¼	28¾
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	33⅜	33⅛
Chesapeake Ohio	37⅛	37¼
Chrysler	12⅜	11⅞
Citicorp	28	27⅞
Cities Serv.	42	40½
Clark Equip	24¼	24
Coca Cola	61⅞	59¾
Colgate	24	23½
C.B.S.	32⅝	32½
Columbia Gas	22	21⅞
Comb Eng	30⅛	29¾
Comw. Edison	23⅞	23¾
Con. Edison	8⅜	8
Cons Foods	13⅜	12⅞
Cons Power	12⅝	12¼
Cont Can.	22⅝	22¼
Cont Oil	38¼	37⅞
Control Data	14⅛	13⅞
Corning Glass	36¼	36⅛
C.P.C. Intnl.	28¼	28
Crane	28½	28½
Crocker Nt	17⅜	17¼
Crown Zeller	25	25⅛
Dart Ind.	14¾	13⅞
Deere	38	38½
Del Monte	19⅜	18⅞
Delta Air	40⅜	37⅞
Detroit Edison	10⅝	10¼
Distil. Seagram	30¾	31
Disney	24	23¾
Dow Chem.	62⅞	60
Dresser Ind.	42⅜	43¼
Duke Power	12⅜	12⅜
Du Pont	113	108
Eastern Air	6	5⅞
East. Kodak	78	74
Eaton Corp.	24½	23¾
El Paso G.	10⅞	10⅝
Equitable Life	13¾	13⅝
Exxon Corp.	68	66¾
Firestone	14⅛	14⅛
Fst. Chicago	21¼	21⅛
Fst. Nt. Boston	23¾	23⅝
Fst. Penn Corp	18⅛	18¾
Ford	36¾	36
G.A.F. Corp.	8	7¾
Gamble Skogmo	20	20
Gen. Dynam.	16¾	16¾
Gen. Electric	37⅞	37¾
Gen Foods	20⅝	19⅝
Gen. Instr.	9¾	9⅜
Gen. Mills	39	34⅝
Gen. Motors	37½	36
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	12⅝	12
Gen. Tel. El.	21⅞	21¾
Gen. Tire	13¾	13⅝
Genesco	4¾	4¼
Georgia Pac	31	29⅝
Getty Oil	123	122¾
Gillette	25¾	25½
Goodrich	20⅛	19½
Goodyear	14⅝	14¼
Gould Inc.	18⅛	17⅞
Grace	23⅞	22⅝
Grant W.T.	9¾	9¾
Gt. At. & Pac.	9⅜	9⅛
Greyhound	12⅛	11¾
Grumman Cp.	11⅝	12
Gulf Oil	18⅞	18
Gulf Wn. Ind.	20⅜	20⅜
Heinz. H. J.	34	34
Hercules	35¼	34¾
Honeywell	39	37¾
Illinois Cent Ind	13⅝	13⅜
Ingersoll	25½	25¾
Inland Steel	32¾	32¾
I.B.M.	178	178
Int. Harv.	20⅜	21
Int. Nickel	24⅞	24⅝
Int. Paper	42⅞	42¾
Int. Tel. Tel.	15⅝	15¾
Jewel Co	20⅞	20⅞
Jim Walter	18	17¾
Johns Manv.	16⅝	16⅞
Johnson & John	58	55¾
Kaiser Alum.	17⅞	17¾
Kenneco	25¾	24¼
Kerr McGee	62	61
Kimb. Clk.	24⅞	23¾
Kratico Cp.	32¾	31⅞
Kresge S.S.	25¾	24¾
Kroger	17	16¾
Ligg. Myer	28¼	27¾
L.T.V.	10	10
Litton	4¾	4¾
Lockheed	4	3⅞
Lucky Stores	8⅞	8¾
Magnavox	6¾	6
Manuf Hanover	30¼	30¼
Mapco	30⅝	29⅞
Marathon Oil	29¾	29½
Marcor Inc.	16¾	16⅝
Marine Mid.	12	11¾
Martin Marr.	18¾	18¾
McDonnell	10⅝	10½
Mead	17⅜	17¼
Merck	30⅞	30¾
Minn. Min.	39¾	39½
Mobil Oil	36	36½
Monsanto	51⅛	49¾
Moore McC.	26⅞	26½
Morgan J. P.	48¾	48¾
Motorola	47¼	45¾
NCR Corp	30⅞	31
Nl. Ind	14	13⅝
Nat. Misc.	17⅞	17¾
Nat. Distil.	15⅜	15⅜
Nat. Steel	32⅞	33⅛
Norfolk West	58¾	58¾
NW Bancor	30	30¼
Norton Simon	9¾	9¾
Occ. Pet.	10	9¾
Ogden	16¼	16¼
Olin Corp.	25⅜	25⅛
Otis Elev.	28¾	27¾
Owens Ill.	34	33¾
Pac. Gas. El.	19⅜	18⅞
Pan. Am.	2⅝	2⅝
Penn. Cent.	1¾	1¾
Penney J C	45¼	43¾
Pennzoil	17¾	16
Pepsico	40⅝	39¾
Pfizer Cp	19¾	17⅞
Pfizer	28	26⅞
Phelps Dod.	30⅝	31
Philip Mor.	46¼	44¾
Phill. Pet.	41¾	38½
Polaroid	18⅞	17
P.P.G. Ind.	29⅞	29⅜
Proc. Gamble	78⅜	77¼
Pub.Ser.El & Gas	15¾	13½
Pullman	42⅞	40¾
Rapid American	7¼	7¼
Raytheon	34⅞	33½
RCA Corp	15¾	15¾
Reauh. Steel	25⅝	25⅝
Reynolds Ind.	45¾	43⅝
Reynolds Metal	18¾	18¾
Rockwell Int	25⅜	25¾
Royal Dutch	29¾	29¾
Safeways	34⅛	34
St. Regis	24¼	23¾
Santa Fe Ind	26⅞	27⅛
Schering	19¾	19¾
Schering Plough	53¾	53¾
Schlumbgr.	93⅝	86
Scott. Paper	12	11¾
Seaboard Coast	29⅝	29¾
Sears Roe.	51⅞	49¾
Shell Oil	39¾	37⅞
Shell Trans.	13⅜	13⅜
Signal Co	17⅞	17⅞
Singer	16¾	16¾
Sony	9⅝	9⅝
Sth Cal Edison	18	17⅞
Southern Pac.	28½	27⅞
Southern Ry.	39	36⅞
Sperry Rand	23	23¾
Squibb	32⅝	32⅝
Std. Brands.	45	44⅜
Std. Oil Cal.	24½	23¾
Std. Oil Ind.	84¼	82⅞
Std. Oil Ohio	32	32
Sterling Drug	21¼	20⅝
Stevens J.P.	13⅜	13⅜
Stude Worth	22⅝	22⅜
Sunbeam Cp.	21¼	20⅞
Sundstrand	14½	13⅞
Sun Oil	40½	40⅜
Teledyne	11	10⅝
Texaco	29⅞	29⅞
Texaco	22	21⅝
Texas East Trans	28	28¼
Texas Inst.	65	64¼
Texas Utilities	21¼	20⅞
Textron	15	15⅜
T.W.A.	8⅛	7⅞
Travelers Gp.	19¾	19⅜
T.R.W. Inc.	13½	12⅞
U.A.L. Inc.	15	13
Unilever Ltd.	18¼	17⅞
Unilever N.V.	23	22⅝
Unionamerica	3¾	3
Union Bancorp	9¼	9¼
Union Carb.	42⅝	41¾
Un. Oil Cal.	33⅞	33⅛
Un. Pacific Corp.	65½	65¼
Unirayal	12	12
United Aircraft	29¾	29¾
United Brands	3⅞	4
Utd Merch & Man	15¾	15⅞
U.S. Industries	9⅜	9⅜
U.S. Steel	45	43¾
Wachovia	14⅞	14⅝
Warner Comm	8¾	7⅞
Warner Lambert	24¼	24
Wells Fargo	12⅝	12¾
West'n Bancorp	16	15
Westghs El.	9¾	8¾
Weyerhaeuser	31½	30⅝
Whirlpool	12⅜	12⅜
White Motor	11¼	11¼
Woolworth	11¼	11¼
Xerox Cp.	77⅞	73⅞
Zenith	15⅝	16⅛

* Ex Div. a Asked. c Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. y Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index rose 0.04 to 388.31. The futures index was up 1.48 at 379.36.

The Dow Jones averages—Industrials (68.92); 65 stocks, 213.77 (209.55); trans. 673.50 (658.17); transportation, 150.66 (148.14); utilities, 70.30 (68.39); New York Stock Exchange index, industrials, 41.76 (37.49); transportation, 28.71 (28.04); utilities, 27.87 (27.50); financial 40.75 (40.14).

Canadian Prices

	Oct 14	Oct 11
AMMbt	9¾	9¾
Alcan	22⅝	22⅝
Alg. Steel	24¾	24¾
Bell Tel.	14⅝	14⅝
Bell Tel.	42	42
Can. Sup. Oil	30¾	30¾
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.33	4.33
Cominco	25¾	25¾
Cons. Bat.	24¾	24¾
Distiller	30⅞	30⅞
Fairview Corp	10½	10½
Falconbridge	23⅞	23⅞
Gulf Oil	24	24
Hawker Can.	4.85	4.85
Hud. Bay Min	17¾	17¾
Hud. Bay Oil	28	28
I.A.C. Ltd.	16¾	16¾
Imasco	21	21
Imp. Oil	27¾	27¾
Int. Pipe	13¾	13¾
Mass.-Fergus.	14¾	14¾
Power Cp.	8¾	8¾
Price Bros.	12¾	12¾
Royal Trust	20¾	20¾
Steel Co.	25¾	25¾
Tex. Can.	24	24
Trans. Mnt. Oil	11¾	11¾
Walker H.	37¾	37¾
W.C.T.	15¾	15¾

Kalamazoo sales up, but profit down

Before charging the bonus attributable to its workers' alliance pre-tax profits of Kalamazoo, the Birmingham business systems and services group, dipped 20 per cent to £1.97m in the year to July 31.

The bonus stands at £399,000 (£380,000) while sales were increased by 9 per cent to £10.6m. Adjusting for both a scrip and share split the total dividend goes up from 2.24p to 2.34p while earnings a share are 2.4p (3.6p).

At halfway, when profits were down from £1.1m to £803,000, the board said it expected a "very real recovery" even though it was pointed out that the final return would be less than the previous year's record.

Blue Spec go-ahead

Australian Anglo American and Metranar Minerals are to proceed with the development of the Blue Spec antimony/gold mine in Western Australia. It is expected the mine will produce 2,700 kgs of gold and 5,400 dry tonnes of antimony concentrates with a 55 per cent metal content, together having an ex-mine value of nearly $A15m at current prices against total costs over the 28-month life of the mine, including development of $A4.7m to $A7.2m.

Large credits for Fiat

Fiat, the troubled Italian motor vehicle group, may draw from Italian banks nearly all its ordinary credits by the year-end. Sources close to the group say the operation was justified to maintain a planned rate of investments.—AP-DJ.

CREDIT FACTORING INT

Group, an offshoot of NatWest, has established Credit Factoring (Hong Kong) as joint venture with Chartered Bank to service Colony's export trade. CB will have 49 per cent stake in HK$50,000 company leaving control in hands of CFI.

DAEJAN HOLDINGS LIMITED

Financial Year ended 31st March, 1974. Extracts from Report and Accounts and the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. L. L. Tobin.

● Despite all the adverse conditions of the recent past we were still able to achieve a reasonably satisfactory result for the year under review, and to remain in a strong position in respect of the assets of the company.

● Even in today's difficult conditions we are continuing to sell properties at prices which, even if lower than at the peak of the market in 1972/73, are still substantially in excess of the figure at which they stand in our books.

● Your Board is of the opinion that the whole of the portfolio of the company still has a value considerably more than its book figure.

● Until the needs of property owners and occupiers are equated to the national interest and needs, and not those of the various political parties, it is extremely difficult if not impossible to make any forecast of results for future years.

Copies of the Company's full Report and Accounts can be obtained from: The Secretary, Daejan Holdings Limited, Freshwater House, 162 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8HR

INTERIM STATEMENT

BUNZL PULP & PAPER LTD

Interim Report 1974

On the basis of unaudited figures, results for the half year ended 30th June 1974 and comparative figures for 1973 are

	Six months to 30th June 1974 £000	1973 £000	Year 1973 £000
Turnover	68,941	39,490	94,530
Trading profit less net interest	5,973	3,425	7,307
Share of associates' profits	814	641	1,271
Profit before taxation	6,787	4,066	8,578
Taxation	3,131	1,986	4,320
Profit after taxation	3,656	2,080	4,258
Minority interests	420	220	512
Earnings for shareholders	3,236	1,860	3,746
Earnings per share	12.4p	7.1p	14.3p
Dividends per share	*Interim*	*Interim*	*Final*
Net to Shareholders	2.132p	1.980p	1.411p
Gross equivalent	3.182p	2.829p	2.106p

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 2.132p a share in respect of the year ending 31st December 1974, which is equivalent to a 12½% increase on the interim dividend declared last year, and is in line with the maximum permissible for the full year under existing legislation. This dividend will be paid on 2nd January 1975 to shareholders registered at the close of business on 29th November 1974.

In spite of a sharp decline in the profits on UK cigarette filter sales, Group results as a whole are well up on the first half of last year. This is due in particular to successful overseas trading and manufacturing operations and a much improved performance by Bunzl & Biach AG, Vienna. Better results were achieved by the UK paper, plastics and packaging companies, with a significant increase in exports by some of them. Inflationary pressures throughout the world are continuing and additional cash generated is being fully used to finance increased working capital requirements and some expansion.

Economic uncertainties, particularly in the UK where a downturn is already being experienced, make it difficult to forecast accurately results for the second half of the year, but the Board expects that they will be similar to those of the first half.

Business appointments

Three new directors for Willis, Faber & Dumas

Mr Ian Campbell-Gray, Mr Colin Furby and Mr John Mays have been made directors of Willis, Faber & Dumas. Mr Robert Byles and Mr Michael Waterman join the board of Willis Faber Advisory Services.

Sir John Muir, Mr R. F. Monk and Mr D. Tobias have joined the board of Provincial Cities Trust, not Vickers, as stated yesterday.

Mr P. G. Hatch has been appointed a director of South West Africa Co.

Mr J. A. Cave has been made a director of Forward Trust and been elected vice-chairman in place of Mr M. G. Wilcox, who remains a director. In the new year, Mr Cave will succeed Mr Bernard Clarke as chairman. Mr Cave is a director and deputy chief general manager of Midland Bank, of which Forward Trust is a subsidiary.

Mr Derek Pelly has become a director of Barclays Bank International.

Mr Michael Franks has been appointed a director of Laurence Scott.

Lord Polwarth and Sir John Hogg have been made directors of Honeywell.

Mr G. F. B. Grant has been elected chairman, Mr R. P. St G. Cazalet vice-chairman and Mr E. M. Berry and Mr D. J. Browne directors of First Investors Ltd.

Mr Alistair Struthers has been made a director of London & Strathclyde Trust.

Mr Ken Davies has been appointed sales director of Evode.

Following his retirement from the board of British-American Tobacco Mr A. D. McCormick, a director of Phoenix Lloyd, has joined the board of Instalment Credit Protection Services.

Mr T. M. B. Walton has been made a director of Carlon Plastics (Leicester).

Mr John Martin has been named as marketing director, and Mr Leo Bryan manufacturing director, of Key Terrain.

Mr A. F. Burgess is to be a non-executive director of Bamfords.

Mr D. M. Slocock has resigned as a director of Ceylon and Indian Planters Holdings.

Mr C. E. Dunkin becomes chairman of Saunders Hotels.

Mr P. J. W. Tuffs has joined the board of Howard Farrow Construction. He takes the place of Mr L. J. A. Merckx, who has resigned.

Mr M. R. Jackson has been made production director of Maxlove Continuous.

Mr Michael Thompson is to be managing director of Dolphin Press, Brighton, part of the Williams Lea Group. Mr Morris Madden will continue as chairman.

Mr F. W. Letch has become a director of Southern Television.

Mr D. W. Robertson has been made chairman and Mr D. J. E. Proffitt, group managing director of Odex Racasan following the retirement of Mr J. H. Chandler.

Mr Derek Redwood, deputy chief press officer of the British Steel Corporation, becomes chief press officer (London).

Mr Derek Cowgill has become works director of Egremont Tubes.

Mr D. E. Chase, managing director of Atlas Copco (GB) and Mr J. B. Mutlow, sales director of Enots, have been elected president and v

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MARKET REPORTS

Foreign Exchange

Sterling lost ground on the foreign exchanges yesterday, but partially recovered some of the loss by the close. The effective rate widened from 18.4 to 18.5 per cent (after 18.6 at noon). The pound closed at $2.3305 against the dollar, to show a net fall of 5 points. The dollar fluctuated against the Continent.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) October 15	Market rates close October 15
New York	$2.3260-2370	$2.3300-2310
Montreal	$2.3860-2890	$2.3880-2890
Amsterdam	8 19-23⅛	8.20-21⅛
Brussels	69.80-90.20c	69.85-90.05c
Copenhagen	13 79-14.59	14.04-07pk
Frankfurt	5.95-6.04pm	6 00-05pm
Lisbon	58.90-59.40c	59 10-35c
Madrid	133 60-34.00p	133.85-90p
Milan	1529-64lr	1560-62lr
Oslo	12.84-85k	12.86-87k
Paris	11.05-06pf	11.05-06pf
Vienna	41.30-43.20sch	42.90-43.10sch
Zurich	6 75-91f	6.79-80f

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.60-.50c prem	1.85-1.75c prem
Montreal	.65-.55c prem	1.90-1.80c prem
Amsterdam	2¾-2⅝c prem	8-7c prem
Brussels	25-05c prem	65-45c prem
Copenhagen	2¼-prem 1c disc	5¾-2¾p prem
Frankfurt	2¾-2¼pf prem	7¾-6¼pf prem
Lisbon	10c prem- 50c disc	75c prem- 100c disc
Madrid	11-8p prem	22-27c disc
Milan	3¼-4¼c disc	5-5½c prem
Oslo	2¼ prem-par	5¾-2¾p prem
Paris	30-05pm prem	75-05pm prem
Zurich	3¼-2¾c prem	8¾-7¾c prem

Leading dollar cross-rates against US$: $1.8151-84; Canadian dollar 1.6¾-8¾c. Call-loan rates: Clearing Banks 9½-9¾c seven days' notice, one month 10-10¼; three months, 10¼-10⅜; six months, 10⅜-10¾; Finance Houses seven days' fixed, one month, 10¼-10⅜; three months, 10⅜-10½; six months, 10⅜-10¾. Local authority deposits: seven days' notice 9½-9¾; one month 10-10¼; three months, 10¼-10⅜; six months, 10⅜-10¾. Certificates of deposit: one month 10¼-10⅜; three months, 10⅜-10½; six months, 10⅜-10¾. Fine trade bills: one month 10¼-10⅜; three months, 10⅜-10½; four months, 10⅜-10¾; six months, 10⅜-10¾. Bank bills: one month 10¼-10⅜; three months, 10⅜-10½; four months, 10⅜-10¾; six months, 10⅜-10¾. Export refinance rate (approximate) 10¾ per cent. Gold bullion fixed in London at $129.50 per fine ounce, up $1.50 on the day. Gold coins: Krugerrands $123-125 (£53-53.75); new sovereigns $124-126 (£53.25-54.25); old sovereigns $124-126 (£53.25-54.25); half-sovereigns $70-72 (£30-30.75); new half-sovereigns $70-72 (£30-30.75); Victoria sovereigns $124-126 (£53.25-54.25); Victoria half-sovereigns $70-72 (£30-30.75); Queen Elizabeth II sovereigns $124-126 (£53.25-54.25); Queen Elizabeth II half-sovereigns $70-72 (£30-30.75); Napoleons $120-122 (£51.50-52.50); US $20 gold pieces $1,000-1,050 (£430-450); Mexican $585-615 (£250-265); Austrian 100 corona $1,000-1,050 (£430-450); Austrian 10 corona $100-110 (£43-47); Swiss 20 francs $120-122 (£51.50-52.50); Swiss 10 francs $70-72 (£30-30.75); Indian gold mohur $1,000-1,050 (£430-450); Indian 15 rupees $120-122 (£51.50-52.50); Indian 10 rupees $70-72 (£30-30.75); Japanese 20 yen $1,000-1,050 (£430-450); Japanese 10 yen $500-550 (£215-235); Spanish 100 peseta $1,000-1,050 (£430-450); Spanish 25 peseta $250-270 (£107-115); Spanish 10 peseta $100-110 (£43-47); Spanish 5 peseta $50-60 (£21-25).

Discount market

The Bank of England intervened yesterday to offset a large shortage in the discount market by buying Treasury bills and municipal authority bills totalling between £50m and £100m direct from the houses. The market opened with surplus balances brought forward overnight, but money flowed out of the system during the day through the net take-up of Treasury bills, the excess of Exchequer receipts over Government disbursements, during municipal authority bills held by the central authorities and the small outflow of notes.

Secured call loan rates closed between 10 and 11 per cent, after ruling between 10¼ and 11 per cent, while overnight rates for interbank sterling deposits closed between 9¾ per cent, after a day's high "around 12 per cent.

Money Market

Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11½% (Last changed 20.9.74)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%

Discount Mkt Loans: Night, Open 11 Close 10¾ Week Fixed 10¾-11

Treasury Bills (Buying): 2 months 10⅝, 3 months 10⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Buying): 2 months 13, 3 months 13, 4 months 13¼, 6 months 13¼

Trade Bills (Buying): 2 months 13, 3 months 13, 4 months 13¼, 6 months 13¼

Local Authority Bonds: 1 month 11½-11, 2 months 11½-11, 3 months 11½-11, 4 months 11½-11, 6 months 11½-11⅝, 9 months 11½-11⅝, 12 months 11½-11⅝

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%): 1 month 11½-11¾, 2 months 11¾-12, 3 months 11¾-12, 4 months 11¾-12, 6 months 12-12⅛, 12 months 12⅛-12¼

Local Authority Market (%): 1 month 11¾-11¾, 2 months 11¾-11¾, 3 months 12-, 4 months 11¾-11¾, 6 months 12-12⅛, 1 year 12⅛-12¼

Interbank Market (%): Night, Open 11½ Close 9¾, 1 month 12⅛-12¼, 2 months 12⅛-12¼, 3 months 12⅛-12¼, 4 months 12⅛-12¼, 6 months 12⅛-12¼, 9 months 12⅛-12¼, 12 months 12⅛-12¼

Finance House Base Rate 12½%

Commodities

COPPER.—Cash wire bars closed £7 higher yesterday, while three months finished £7.75 dearer. Cash cathodes rose by £5.50 and three months by £7.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £617-18.00 a metric ton; three months, £637-38.00. Sales, 1,200 tons. Cash cathodes, £598-98.00; three months, £616-17.00. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £612.00-13.00; three months, £631.00-33.00. Settlement, £613.00. Sales, a-725 tons. Cash cathodes, £592.00-93.00; three months, £611.00-12.00. Settlement, £593.00. Sales, 775 tons.

SILVER was steady yesterday.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 199.0p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 463.2); three months, 205.7p (470.2c); six months, 209.2p (478.2c); one-year, 221.6p (497.5c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 198.4-99.0p; three months, 205.5-5p; seven months, 209.5-11.0p. Sales, 91 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 199.6-200.0p; three months, 204.0-03.8p; seven months, 211.5-12.0p. Settlement, 200.0p. Sales, 84 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal (cash) rose by £82.50 yesterday, while three months was £82.50 higher. High-grade (three months) closed £25 higher. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,055-60 a metric ton; three months, £3,065-60. Sales, 210 tons. High grade, three months, £3,060-70. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,025-30; three months, £3,020-30. Settlement, £3,030. Sales, 230 tons. High grade, three months, £3,050-55. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, $m940's a picul.

LEAD.—Cash metal was £2 up and three months fell by yesterday. Afternoon.—Cash, £230-30.00 a metric ton; three months, £218.50-19.00. Sales, 550 tons. Morning.—Cash, £228.00-29.00. Three months, £217.50-18.00. Settlement, £229.00. Sales, 775 tons.

ZINC.—Cash metal was £2½p higher and three months was 50p higher. Afternoon.—Cash, £354.50-54.75 a metric ton; three months, £355-56.00. Sales, 4,225 tons. Morning.—Cash, £352.50-53.00; three months, £354.00-55.00. Settlement, £354.50. Sales, 3,500 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM rose by £1 yesterday to £75.75-£75.75 (£172-177) a troy ounce.

ANTIMONY.—99.6 per cent, £1,875-£1,950 a metric ton.

BISMUTH.—99.99 per cent, $8.00-$8.50 per lb.

CADMIUM.—99.95 per cent ingots and sticks, $2.95-$3.05 per lb.

QUICKSILVER is now put at $260-$265 a flask of 76lb.

TUNGSTEN ORE.—Minimum 65 per cent, $46.50-$48.50 a metric ton unit of 22.04lb.

RUBBER quietly steady. Nov. 27.50-28.25p per kilo; Dec. 27.75-28.50p; Jan-March, 28.80-29.00p; April-June, 29.60-29.75p; July-Sept. 30.10-30.40p; Oct-Dec. 30.65-30.70p; Jan-March, 30.95-31.00p; April-June, 31.35-31.45p; July-Sept. 31.70-31.80p. Sales, 167 lots (15 tonnes each) and four lots (five tonnes each). Physicals continue quiet. Spot, 27.00-28.00p; CIF's: Nov. 27.50-28.00p; Dec. 27.50-28.00p.

WOOL: Greasy futures steady. Dec. 197.0-59.0p per kilo; March, 161.5-62.0p; May, 162.5-63.5p; July, 164.0-64.5p; Oct. 164.5-66.5p; Dec. 165.5-66.0p; March, 165.0-66.0p. Sales, 93 lots.

JUTE quiet. Bangladesh/white "C" grade, Oct-Nov, £217.50 seller; "D", Oct-Nov, £207.50 seller, a long ton.

CALCUTTA closed yesterday, due Holiday.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides (ex-KRCF), 24.0-28.0p a lb; English hindquarters, heavy (ex-KKCF), 33.5-34.5p; Ulster hindquarters (ex-KKCF), 32.0-33.0p; Ulster forequarters, 17.0-17.5p; Eire hindquarters (ex-KKCF), 32.0-35.0p; Eire forequarters, 16.0-18.5p. VEAL: English fats, 32.0-36.0p; English bobbies (special quotation 9.0p); 7.0-8.0p Dutch hinds and ends, 44.0-47.0p. LAMB: English small, 24.0-30.0p; English medium, 24.0-26.0p; English heavy, 20.0-24.0p; Scotch medium, 24.0-26.0p; Scotch heavy, 20-24.0p; Scotch hill, 24.0-29.0p; imported frozen: NZD's, 27.0-28.0p; NZS's, 25.0-26.5p; NZB's, 22p-24.0p; NZY's, 26.0-27.0p. EWES: 12.0-14.0p. PORK: English, under 100lb, 25.0-26.5p; 100-120lb, 25.0-26.5p; 120-160lb, 27.0-28.0p; 160-180lb, 25.0-27.0p; 180lb and over, 21.0-23.5p.

EGGS. Home-produced: The market has been very much quieter, with stocks of all grades readily available. Large and standards have shown a weakening due to extra supplies available. Medium continue to have support. In the imported sector the adequate availability of supplies has meant little interest being shown.

Home-produced market prices (based on intraday prices):

WHITE	Wed/Thur/PM	Mon/Tues
Large	32.00 to 3.30	32.00 to 3.30
Standard	28.00 to 2.50	28.00 to 2.50
Medium	22.45 to 2.00	22.45 to 2.00
Small	21.90 to 2.00	21.90 to 2.00
BROWN		
Large	£3.40 to 3.60	£3.20 to 3.50
Standard	£2.50 to 2.90	£2.50 to 2.90

Imported prices: Current arrivals (Oct 14-9).—French 1's, £3.25; 2's, £3.95; 3's, £2.40; 4's, £2.00 to £2.10; Belgian 4's, £2.80; 5's, £2.45; 6's, £3.00 to £3.10.

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Kayes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures moved strongly ahead on fairly aggressive speculative chart buying from one quarter in particular together with stop loss operations which found only limited scale up selling from the trade. Dealers noted that chartists have been looking for a break out on the upside based on March at £460 and the movement seems likely to continue on a market lacking origin selling pressure. The market closed £6 to £12.50 higher. Arabicas gained between 55 and 100 points.

Robusta futures steadier. Nov. Ca473.0-74.0 a long ton; Jan. £465.0-65.0; March, £473.0-73.5; May, C469.0-70.0; July, £465.0-66.0; Sept. £465.5-66.5; Nov. £465.0-66.0. Sales, 1,516 lots.

Arabica contract steady. Oct. $67.00-68.80 per 50 kilos; Dec. $64.20-65.00; Feb. $64.80-65.00; April, $64.50-65.00; June, $64.20-65.50; Aug. $64.00-65.50; Oct. $64.10-65.50. Sales, 15 lots.

COCOA futures moved into new high ground in the afternoon assisted by steadiness in New York. Speculative and chart support were jointly represented. Nearby December was in touching distance of last up but finished just below that level. On balance gains finally ranged from £6.50 to £19.50. The 10.6 per cent decline in United States mid-quarter grindings as reported by the United States Commerce Department (contrasting with the United States Chocolate Manufacturers's 8.9 per cent fall) had no visible impact on sentiment.

Dec. £865.0-7.0 a metric ton; March, £788.0-9.0; May, £717.0-8.0; July, £678.0-9.0; Sept. £665.0-6.0. Sales, 3,361 lots, including 12 options.

TEA.—There was very keen competition yesterday for the 18,146 packages of Sri Lanka teas on offer and prices for all descriptions advanced. The Tea Brokers' Association reported. Bright Broken were 5 per cent dearer, while better sorts and all bop fannings were 4p to 6p dearer. The few bright offerings of value sold at 6p to 10p above last rates.

There was a strong demand for the 304 packages of South Indian teas offered at 2p to 4p per kilo dearer.

SUGAR futures continued to forge ahead on a broad front of speculative buying. This pushed the near December and March positions to new highs of £411 and £402 respectively at one stage but later these positions eased to close at £407.25 and £398.75. The market closed irregular at £2 higher to limit up (£10). The London daily price remained at £390 a long ton.

Dec. £407.00-7.50; March, £398.50-9.00; May, £381.50-2.00; Aug. £366.00-6.50; Oct. £326.00 limit up bid; Dec. £300.25 limit up bid; March, £284.50 limit up bid. Sales, 5,196 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring number two 14 per cent Nov. £106.80; Dec. £107.15; Jan £112.50 trans-shipment east coast sellers. Nov. £104.50 direct shipment Tilbury. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French Nov. £76; Dec. £76.50; Jan. £77.50 trans-shipment east coast sellers. A long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (GAFTA).—EEC origin. BARLEY steady. —Nov. £62.60; Jan. £65.90; March, £68.30; May, £70.35. WHEAT, steady. —Nov. £63.60; Jan. £66.80; March, £69.80; May, £71.85. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority's location ex-farm spot prices. Soft milling WHEAT.—Edinburgh, £60.00; King's Lynn, £62.45. Feeding BARLEY. —Edinburgh, £53.55; King's Lynn, £59.75.

US cocoa grindings fall in third quarter

Washington, Oct 15.—United States cocoa grindings in the third quarter of 1974 totalled 119.7m lb, a 10.6 per cent drop from the 133.8m lb in the third quarter last year, the Commerce Department reported.

This was also a decline of 7.6 per cent from the 129.6m lb grind in the second quarter of 1974.—Reuter.

In the third quarter of this year, United Kingdom cocoa bean grindings fell to 21.100 long tons, against 25,500 tons in the second quarter and 23,500 tons in the third quarter of last year, Ministry of Agriculture figures show.

The comparative figures were previously given at 27,500 tons in the first quarter of this year and 27,800 in the second.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.
Barrett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775
48.1 21.8 Giants 20.4 22.5c 5.80
43.6 22.6 Do Accum 21.4 23.8 5.80
44.1 20.4 Growth 19.2 20.3p 5.80
36.2 20.4 Do Accum 20.1 22.1 5.80
48.5 24.1 Income 21.9 24.3 9.20
48.3 24.1 Do Accum 22.7 24.0 9.20
37.2 16.4 Int Accum 15.7 16.7 3.50

Abbey Unit Trust Managers.
72-80 Gatehouse Rd. Aylesbury. Bucks 0296-5941
25.2 12.2 Abbey Capital 12.1 12.8 6.80
47.3 20.6 Abbey General 20.7 22.0 5.90
25.0 14.3 Do Income 14.4 15.3 9.51
25.8 14.6 Do Invest 13.9 14.8 6.98

Allen Trust Managers Ltd.
14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2 01-588 6371
51.3 25.0 Allen Trst* 25.7 28.4 4.36
53.1 25.0 Allen Income* 26.5 28.0 8.59

Allied Hambro Group,
Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex 01-888 2851
71.6 32.6 Allied Capital 31.8 33.9e 5.71
69.1 31.0 Allied Dual 30.8 32.8 7.48
45.7 22.5 Brit Ind 2nd 21.7 23.8 8.18
38.9 18.1 Growth & Inc 17.7 18.8 7.81
39.3 18.1 Inter & Gen Def 17.2 18.2p 6.80
37.6 24.7 Nat Min & Cmdty 23.9 25.3 7.50
58.2 30.4 High Income 30.4 32.4e 8.88
48.2 22.4 Equity Income 18.3 19.4 6.52
34.6 14.1 International 13.0 13.8 2.39
25.9 25.0 High Yield Fnd 25.3 25.3 12.00
115.6 48.9 Hambro Fnd 48.8 52.0 8.14
74.2 34.6 Do Recovery 34.6 36.7 10.35
46.5 45.7 Do Recovery 45.4 48.3 11.78
18.1 11.7 Do Smaller 11.1 11.9 9.36
25.3 11.1 Do Trustee 11.0 11.6 7.25
25.1 15.6 2nd Smaller 15.0 16.0e 9.02
30.8 30.4 Secs of America 31.8 33.6 2.97
101.6 91.9 Exempt Fnd 87.3 91.9e 7.75

Anthacker Unit Management Co Ltd.
1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JH. 01-606 6010
42.4 18.6 Nth American 19.4 21.4e 3.52

Barclays Unicorn Ltd.
252-6 Romford Rd, Manor Park, London, E7. 01-534 5521
25.0 25.0 UnicornAmer 23.7 25.0 3.50
69.5 35.7 Aust Income 36.2 39.2e 8.22
79.6 42.0 Do Accum 42.6 46.2e 8.22
76.3 30.6 Unicorn Capital 31.3 33.8e 7.51
75.7 36.3 Exempt* 36.6 38.1e 8.40
35.3 19.2 Extra Income 19.1 20.8e 11.86
66.6 28.3 Financial 28.1 30.6 5.76
58.6 30.1 Unicorn'500' 29.0 31.0e 9.57
34.6 13.5 General 13.6 14.4e 9.53
40.9 17.7 Gilt & Accum 17.8 19.0 6.16
75.8 34.9 Income 34.4 36.6 10.37
32.0 16.6 Recovery 16.3 17.4 8.83
125.2 52.2 Trustee 52.3 56.6 7.78
50.3 32.4 Worldwide 34.0 36.0 5.34

Brandts Ltd,
36 Fenchurch St. London. EC3 01-626 6980
143.0 86.0 Brandts Cap (4) 81.6 86.0 2.72
146.0 91.0 Do Accum (4) 86.0 91.0 2.59
141.6 79.0 Brandts Inc (4) 74.0 78.0 9.53

Bridge Trust Management Co Ltd.
Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4851
108.0 54.0 Bridge Fd (2) 53.0 56.0 5.00
256.0 130.0 Do Inc (2) 121.0 130.0e 11.15
212.0 86.0 Do Cap (2) 83.0 88.0 3.64
216.0 85.0 Do Cap Acc* (2) 89.0 98.0 3.64
116.0 60.0 O'seas Inc (2) 48.0 51.0 5.57
118.0 54.0 Do Accum (3) 51.0 54.0 5.57

The British Life
Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271
50.0 34.0 British Life 34.3 37.5e 6.89
32.7 19.5 Balanced (2) 18.5 19.5e 7.72
38.4 20.5 Cap Accum (2)* 19.6 20.6 9.68
48.6 22.5 Dividend (2) 21.6 22.9e 11.59
41.3 24.1 Dep Accum (3) 23.7 25.1 9.77

Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.
Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8530
77.8 36.0 Brn Ship Inc (7) 101.9 106.9 7.40
186.6 116.8 Do Accum (7) 113.8 118.8 7.40

Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
6 Charles II St, London, SW1. 01-930 6123
53.3 17.4 Canlife Gen 17.3 18.3 6.72
34.0 18.7 Do Accum 18.8 19.8 6.72
28.8 16.8 Income Dist 17.8 18.8e 11.06
28.8 20.0 Do Accum 19.3 20.4 11.06

Cariol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.
Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21166
11.3 37.7 Cariol (8) 35.7 37.7 6.06
50.6 40.8 Do Accum 38.8 40.9 6.06

Charities Official Investment.
77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815
127.7 71.2 Inc* (34) 71.2 -- 8.17
207.8 96.2 Accum* (34) 96.2 -- 8.17

Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.
1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999
32.8 12.2 Int (3) 11.6 12.5p 4.96
30.6 13.6 Accum (3) 13.0 14.0e 4.96
44.8 22.8 Inc (3) 21.4 22.8e 10.32
25.4 18.2 Euro Fin (3) 17.5 18.6e 1.50
24.0 14.2 Fund Inv (3) 13.2 14.2e 3.31

Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931
41.8 19.8 Growth Fnd 11.1 11.9 7.66
83.8 23.9 International 24.3 26.2 3.31
43.2 18.9 Reserves Fnd 18.5 19.7 6.80
48.2 25.8 High Yield 21.7 23.1 10.78

Discretionary Unit Fund Managers Ltd.
Finsbury Hse, 22 Bloomfield St, EC2. 01-638 4465
124.7 51.6 Income 48.5 49.3 10.58
136.0 68.2 Accum 63.7 67.1 10.58

Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
43.45 South St, Eastbourne. 0323 36711
59.8 27.8 Commodity 38.2 41.6 7.18
30.5 17.4 Growth 18.4 19.5 4.02
24.4 13.0 Inv Trust 12.1 13.1 6.08
42.1 24.4 Drayton Inc 23.1 24.4 9.32
39.7 20.0 International 20.3 21.3 4.03

Equitas Securities Ltd.
41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-274 8321
77.5 30.3 Progressive 30.1 32.0 5.80

Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
Aquitable Hse, Blythswood Sq, Glasgow. 041-248 2285
58.4 26.0 Equity & Law 25.4 27.0e 7.32

Family Fund Managers Ltd.
72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296 5941
74.8 46.8 Family Fund 46.1 48.1 2.97

Framlington Unit Management Ltd.
Speccer Hse, 4 South Place, EC2. 01-628 4968
72.0 32.0 Framlington 31.2 33.2e 8.53
62.6 30.4 Income 28.6 30.6 10.25

Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511
38.1 13.0 Friends Prov 14.6 15.8 7.98
36.8 18.6 Do Accum 16.1 17.2 7.98

Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300
117.2 50.0 Capital 49.0 50.0e 8.84
48.0 18.0 High Income* 41.0 45.0 10.39
97.4 49.0 High Yield* 48.0 48.0 10.49

Grand & Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
5 Ravleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227000
32.9 15.3 G & A 15.1 15.9e 7.00

G.T. Unit Management Ltd.
16 St. Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9461 Ext 13
67.3 38.9 GT Cap 38.9 38.9e 2.00
93.5 62.1 Do Accum 58.1 62.1e 2.00
70.0 46.9 Do Income 46.6 49.6e 5.00
79.0 15.2 Do Recovery 15.2 16.2 1.00
116.1 54.8 Do US Gen Fnd 115.4 117.3 1.00
113.7 54.6 Do Japan Gen 111.5 114.0 1.00

Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.
Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-621 1031
92.0 36.8 Guardmill 37.6 38.9 7.96

Hendersons Administration Ltd.
11 Austin Friars, London, EC2. 01-588 3622
100.3 45.0 Cabot 42.3 45.0 5.80
157.5 62.5 Henderson Gr* 57.5 63.5 5.25

Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.
PO Box 173, Croydon, CR9 6AL. 01-681 1031
48.1 29.1 Dollar 28.5 41.6 1.77
30.0 19.8 International 19.6 20.8 1.77
144.3 63.6 Brit Trst 63.1 70.3 7.36
144.3 63.6 Brit Guernsey 63.7 70.3 4.32
57.7 16.9 Cap 17.6 19.2 9.00
59.3 18.4 Com Trst 18.0 19.7 4.48
29.2 10.8 Inc Trst 10.9 11.7 11.91
58.4 12.5 High Yield 12.3 13.3 11.94
47.3 22.4 Scon Trst 21.1 23.1e 7.19

Insolar Small Trust Management Ltd.
64 Coleman St, London, EC2. 01-638 5666
101.0 72.6 Foreign Fnd (21) 65.0 72.6 4.75
205.0 100.0 Growth (21) 95.0 97.0 7.02
109.0 68.0 Inv Fnd (28) 64.0 68.0 12.56

Jascot Securities Ltd,
21 Young St, Edinburgh. 031-226 6782
37.0 14.2 Capricorn (1) 14.2 15.2 15.10
29.0 16.9 Do Accum (1) 16.7 18.2 15.10
79.0 15.2 Bl-2% Warrs (1) 14.7 15.2 --
34.0 19.6 Preference 19.6 20.8 12.52
39.0 20.3 Do Accum 18.9 20.2 12.52
26.6 11.4 Cap (2) 10.2 11.4 --
29.2 12.6 Aust Comp Fnd. 11.3 12.6e 7.11
25.4 11.0 Inc (2) 10.1 11.0 --
37.5 14.8 Sector Ldrs (3) 14.0 14.9 7.35
24.3 8.8 Fin & Prop (3) 9.0 10.0e 6.49
41.5 22.6 Int Growth (4) 20.8 22.5 4.69
32.5 11.5 Sth Sea (3) 11.1 12.3 4.09
49.0 24.0 Commodity (5) 22.9 25.4 5.90
49.1 26.0 Do Accum (5) 24.2 26.1 5.90
49.1 24.8 100% Growth (5) 23.7 25.3 --

Jessel Britannia Group,
155 Fenchurch St., London, EC3. 01-633 7585
68.1 41.0 Brit Comm Plus 39.2 42.1 9.81
49.3 19.8 Do Gen 18.9 20.3e 9.81
41.0 23.4 Extra Inc 21.6 23.4 12.72
21.9 19.4 High Income 18.3 19.8 15.19
26.2 26.7 Jessel Cap 23.7 25.7e 8.67
73.0 10.4 Do City of Ldn 27.1 29.4 4.58
63.8 36.7 Do Global 34.4 37.3e 4.58
171.8 110.3 Do Gold & G 138.0 147.7 5.18
58.9 37.3 Do Inc 30.8 33.4e 11.38
64.2 17.2 Do Inv Units 13.8 17.2 7.55
64.2 25.3 Do New Ists 23.7 25.4 10.87
34.7 10.4 Do Prop & G 8.8 10.4e 6.99
75.4 38.5 Do Pacific & Gen 30.6 32.7 10.89
29.6 13.8 Aust & Gen (1) 12.7 13.8e 4.11
28.6 18.2 JL Int Cons 17.1 18.3e 6.19

Key Fund Managers.
25 Milk St, EC2V 8JL. 01-606 7070
79.0 36.5 Cap Fund 35.3 38.1 5.37
97.9 52.1 Exempt Fnd (36) 50.2 53.4e 12.00
89.5 38.2 Inc Fund 37.2 39.5 11.20
71.7 44.8 KP(2) 44.7 47.3 4.42

Lawson Securities
65 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911
74.0 25.0 Gilt Warrant 21.4 22.8 8.28
66.0 31.7 High Yield Fnd 28.2 31.6 15.70

Legal & General Tyndall Fund.
18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241
88.0 30.4 Dist 28.8 30.4 7.87
62.6 33.2 Accum 31.4 33.2 7.57

Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Management.
71 Lombard Street, London, EC3. 01-626 1500
84.6 37.7 1st Inc 33.6 35.3 8.58
60.5 28.7 Do Accum 28.0 29.6 8.58
56.1 24.1 2nd Inc 23.8 25.0 8.77
98.4 46.4 Do Accum 46.7 49.4 8.77
78.5 37.2 3rd Inc 36.1 38.3e 11.41
92.1 41.6 Do Accum 40.2 43.4 11.41

Magnet & Southerns Ltd.
Magnet Hse, Kingston-upon-Thames. 01-546 5454
116.5 91.1 Managed Bond 91.1 -- --
100.0 100.0 Do Pension 100.1 -- --
103.6 100.0 Money Market 102.7 -- --
100.0 100.0 Do Pension 100.0 -- --
130.5 94.7 Property Bond 121.8 -- --
165.1 94.7 Do Pension 134.4 -- --

M & G Assurance
Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588
119.5 69.4 Equity Bond (4) 69.5 69.1 --
93.9 47.6 Do Pension 45.6 47.6 --
101.4 48.4 Int'l Bond (4) 48.2 50.7 --
118.4 66.3 Prop Bnd 1976 66.3 -- --
159.9 86.9 Do 1977-80 76.5 -- --
75.3 74.1 Do 1981/85 74.3 -- --
84.5 80.5 Mirror Bonds 80.5 -- --
164.1 88.1 Pens Pen (5)* 84.4 87.9 --
139.9 114.8 Prop Pnd (4) 113.3 119.1 --

Nation Life Insurance.
Nation Hse, Treddington, Middx. 01-977 8811
156.5 134.1 Prop Bonds 155.3 163.5 --
58.5 54.4 Do Perf (1969) 58.1 -- --
122.0 112.7 Capital 117.1 123.3 --

Norwich Union Insurance Group.
Surrey St, Norwich NOR 88A. 0603 22200
Valuation 3rd Wednesday of month
154.2 71.2 Norwich Life 71.2 -- --

Pearl-Montagu Assurance
252 High Holborn, London, EC2. 01-588 8464
108.6 100.7 Prop Units 108.6 112.5 --

Phoenix Assurance.
4-8 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876
106.9 98.5 Wealth Ass Bnd 83.2 88.8 --
39.1 36.1 Ebor Ass (31) 39.1 -- --
60.6 40.6 Ebor Endow (32) 38.7 40.6 --

Property Equity & Life Ass Co,
119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857
178.2 100.0 B Silv Prop Bnd 166.0 -- --
118.0 100.0 Do Bal Ag Bnd 105.8 -- --
100.8 98.7 Do Series (2) 98.9 -- --
107.8 76.0 Do Managed 76.0 -- --
102.7 71.3 Do Equity Bnd 74.1 -- --
101.4 100.0 Do Flex Mny 101.4 -- --

Property Growth Assurance.
131 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1. TJF. 01-928 0381
178.0 147.5 Prop Growth (29) 147.5 -- --
751.0 546.0 AG Bond (29)* 556.0 -- --
1245 1225.5 Do Nat Pen (28) 1225.5 -- --
54.8 50.0 Stanley Inv (29) 50.3 -- --
103.4 100.0 Do Equity 103.4 -- --
105.1 100.0 Do Money 105.1 -- --
139.0 112.0 Ret Annuity (29) 117.0 -- --
126.8 113.5 Immed Ann (28) 113.5 -- --

Prudential Pensions Ltd,
Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222
19.04 9.66 Equity 9.37 9.86 --
10.85 10.05 Fixed Int £ 9.85 10.10 --
19.60 12.82 Property £ 17.45 17.90 --

Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.
Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271
170.1 137.5 Rel Prop Bnd 153.5 -- --

Save & Prosper Group,
4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899
99.8 84.3 Ed Bnd 81.0 85.3 --
97.3 84.3 Equity Bnd 82.7 88.1 --
98.2 113.7 Mixed Bond (4) 113.7 -- --
134.3 110.2 Prop Fnd (30) 104.6 110.2 --

Schroder Life Group,
18-24 Maltravers St, WC2. 01-836 3883
96.1 100.0 Fixed Interest 96.1 101.1 --
96.4 66.2 Flexible Fnd 62.9 66.2 --
244.7 103.4 Equity Fnd 103.4 -- --
108.4 100.2 Do 2nd Ser 95.4 100.4 --
108.8 100.0 Pen Fnd Cap 108.8 114.8 --
113.3 100.0 Pen Fnd Accum 108.8 114.8 --

Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance,
9 St Andrew Sq., Edinburgh. 031-225 1291
266.6 185.7 Inv Policy 160.9 165.7 --

Standard Life Assurance Co.
PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971
118.3 43.1 Unit Endow't* 43.1 -- --

Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.
2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400
184.1 76.0 Maple Leaf (3) 79.0 -- --
112.2 100.0 Personal Pens 111.9 -- --

Target Life Assurance
Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941
96.5 100.0 Deposit Inc 98.5 101.6 --
98.3 98.3 Fixed Interest 98.3 103.5 --
100.1 86.4 Man Fnd Acc 81.7 86.5 --
97.0 82.0 Do Income 77.5 82.1 --
130.0 92.0 Prop Bnd Inc 92.0 -- --
94.0 89.0 Do Income 89.0 99.0 --
143.0 105.0 Do Accum 105.0 -- --
70.8 33.0 Nat Ann Pen Cap 31.9 34.1 --
73.1 35.6 Do Accum 34.3 36.5 --

Trident Life, .
Ramsiade Hse, Gloucestor. 0452 36841
95.5 84.4 Trident Man 89.1 94.4 --
98.5 91.1 Do Ouar Man 94.4 99.4 --
102.0 100.0 Do Property 102.0 108.8 --
95.0 61.0 Do Equity 57.8 61.0 --
85.5 61.0 Do High Yield 57.8 61.0 --
97.3 100.0 Do Money 97.3 102.5 --
95.0 100.0 DoFiscal Fnd 95.0 100.0 --
98.6 100.0 Do Bonds 97.0 98.0 --
88.34 82.40 Gilt Edged(1) 85.3 -- --

Tyndall Assurance,
18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241
145.2 98.0 Prop Fnd (19) 98.0 -- --
134.6 83.8 3 Wy Fnd (19) 83.6 -- --

Welfare Insurance.
The Lees, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333
104.5 100.0 Capital Growth 104.5 -- --
102.7 75.2 Flexible Fnd 75.5 -- --
138.3 61.8 Inv Fnd 82.8 -- --
131.9 98.2 Prop Fnd 98.2 -- --
110.9 81.0 Money Maker 81.1 -- --

Offshore and International Funds

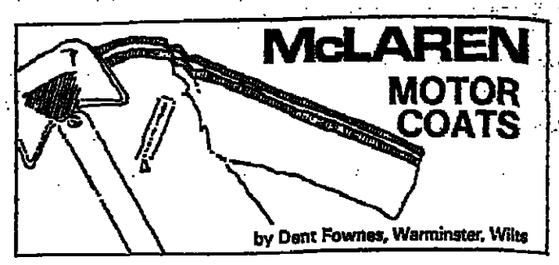
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BRITISH FUNDS

1973/74 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Red. Yield	Gross Yield
99⅝	94⅜	Treas 6¾%	1974	97⅝	+⅛	6.794	10.733
98⅞	92⅜	Treas 6%	1975	99⅛	-⅛	6.073	9.958
99⅝	83½	Treas 8%	1975	98		8.081	9.958
95⅛	88⅛	Savings 3½	1965-75	94⅛		3.162	9.546
95⅛	88	Exch 6¾%	1976	95⅛	+⅛	6.717	9.751
94¼	86	Treas 6%	1976	94	+¼	6.914	10.169
94⅜	85	Victory 4%	1976	94½		4.089	9.759
90¼	84½	Treas 14½%	1976	98½	+½	10.603	10.993
91⅞	83⅝	Treas 6¾%	1977	91¼		6.849	10.482
85⅝	81¼	Elec 3%	1974-77	83½		3.354	7.876
89⅝	82⅜	Treas 11¾%	1977	98½		11.573	11.793
86¾	77¾	Treas 4%	1972-77	82¾		4.868	9.430
101⅛	86⅝	Treas 9%	1978	93¼	+⅛	9.631	11.335
86⅞	75¼	Exch 5%	1976-78	83⅜		5.997	10.238
76⅛	68⅜	Treas 3%	1979	76¼		3.935	9.086
97⅛	87⅛	Treas 11¾%	1979	97⅛		11.783	12.222
81⅝	69¼	Elec 3%	1974-79	79¼	+⅛	5.378	9.678
78	67½	Elec 3%	1976-79	76		4.586	9.495
100⅜	81¼	Treas Cv 9%	1980	86½	+⅛	10.563	12.953
83¾	82⅜	Fund 3¾%	1978-80	79¾	+⅛	6.831	10.854
79¾	64⅝	Treas 3½%	77-80	67⅝	+⅛	5.728	9.535
79¾	61⅝	Treas 3½%	78-81	67⅛		4.990	9.731
87⅞	73¾	Treas 3½%	1980-82	80¾		4.816	9.065
67⅞	59¾	Treas 12%	1983	93¾	+⅛	13.095	13.708
69¾	61⅛	Fund 3½%	1952-84	66¾		5.431	11.785
95¾	69¼	Treas 9%	1984-86	93¾	+⅛	12.962	13.862
81¾	56¾	Fund 6%	1985-87	57⅞	+⅛	11.294	13.550
87⅛	69⅞	Treas 9%	1985-88	85¾	+⅛	12.630	14.333
84¾	57⅜	Trans 3%	1978-88	59¾		7.248	12.533
69⅝	45	Trans 3%	1966-89	45¾		10.966	13.589
98⅛	61¼	Treas 3½%	1987-90	63		13.705	14.860
72¾	46¾	Fund 5½%	1987-91	47¼		12.216	14.101
74¾	47¾	Fund 4%	1990	48		13.194	14.513
69¾	49¾	Treas 4%	1992	49		14.511	15.350
53	33¾	Redmptn 3½%	1986-96	38¾		10.829	12.787
47¾	32¾	Gas 3½%	1990-95	39¾		10.257	12.869
94⅜	86¾	Treas 12%	1995	97		14.486	14.601
85⅝	76¾	Treas 9%	1992-96	84¾		15.988	15.617
87⅜	64⅞	Treas 9%	1994-96	85¾		14.838	15.418
84¾	58⅜	Treas 8¾%	1997	86¾		13.275	15.653
85⅝	62⅜	Treas 9%	1999	84½		15.371	16.008
84¾	59¾	Fund 3½%	1999-04	59¾		13.673	14.356
83¾	59¾	Treas 9%	2002-06	81¾		15.409	15.730
81¾	57¾	Treas 8%	2008-12	56¾		15.409	15.500
73¾	48¾	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	50¾		15.520	15.534
25¾	24¾	Consols 4%		25¼		15.986	
25¾	24¾	War Ln 3½%		25¾		15.936	
24¾	23¾	Conv 2½%		23¾		15.488	
31½	19¾	Treas 5%		22¾		15.706	
25¾	15¾	Consols 2½%		16		15.704	
25¾	15¾	Treas. 2½%	Aft 75	15¾		15.856	

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

96¾	85¾	Aust 5½%	70-73	96¾		-2.596	9.982
93¾	83¾	Aust 5½%	72-74	93¾		7.029	13.531
87¾	67¾	Aust 5½%	74-77	87½		8.571	13.120
86	68	Aust 5½%	81-82	81¾		8.946	13.975
83¾	63	Aust 6%	81-83	81½		10.128	14.058
94¼	86	Aust 6%	83-84	91½		10.960	14.189
73	38	Austin 5%	73-78	54		10.063	14.082
89¾	80	Berlin 4%	Aut 90				
96	87	Ceylon 4%	73-75	96		4.185	15.205
94	70¾	Ceylon Mineral 5%		81½			6.4 16.3
35¾	26¾	E Africa 6%	67-83	33		10.546	18.721
137	119	German 4%	1830	120			
33	23	Hungary 4%	1924	23			
64¾	54¾	Ireland 4%	60-85	54			
83¾	73¾	Jamaica 7½%	77-79	76		10.473	15.718
109	85	Japan Aus 4%	1910	103			
71	47	Japan 6%	63-83	47			
37¾	25¾	Kenya 6%	78-82	29		9.279	15.547
66	50	Malaya 5%	74-82	53		11.094	14.573
87¾	67¼	N Z 6%	76-80	70¾		8.642	14.350
85¾	69¾	N Z 5%	75-78	71¼		6.613	13.457
97¾	80¾	N Z 5%	78-82	81		6.173	13.966
85¾	69¾	N Z 5%	83-86	61¾		12.721	15.074
73¾	68	N Rhd 6%	76-81	70½		8.703	13.502
98	68	Nyasa 6%	78-81	68½		9.238	14.765
88	70	Peru 6%	Aft 76	72			
62¾	45¾	S A Gov 5%	74-76	60½			
51	36	S Rhd 4%	63-70	47			
51	36	S Rhd 4%	67-92	47			
62	44	S Rhd 4%	78-81	53			
53	48	Spanish 4%		48			
85	58	Tang 5%	78-82	36½		10.262	18.179
74	54	Uruguay 3½%		73			

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

30¼	17	L C C 3½	1920	18		17.009	
81	52	L C C 5%	50-53	54		9.287	14.710
78	59	L C C 5%	57-61	61		9.064	14.524
78	58	L C C 5%	52-54	54½		10.412	14.712
112	83	L C C 5%	61-65	83		11.838	15.359
44	27	L C C 6%	73-78	78½		7.844	14.382
134	70	L C C 6%	78-79	70		8.893	14.877
186	63	L C C 6%	82-86	86		14.008	15.711
73	37	L C C 6%	1976-86	37		7.543	13.451
80	30	G L C 6%	1977-	85¼		7.575	13.810
147	77	G L C 6%	90-92	98		14.408	15.779
163	42	G L C 6%	1977-	84¼		8.555	13.923
107	68	G L C 6%	80-82	68		12.150	15.187
74¼	47¾	C of L 6%	78-79	78		8.386	14.343
83	61¼	C of L 6%	80-82	64		10.425	14.627
89¾	65¾	As Mt 5%	81-84	81¼		12.530	15.715
85¾	64¾	As Mt 5%	84-86	84¾		12.455	15.496
72¼	44¾	As Mt 6%	85-90	45¾		14.352	16.633
54¾	36¾	Belfast 6%	68-70	50		10.178	17.370
97¾	70¾	Brighn 5%	78-79	72		8.904	14.912
94¾	73¾	Bristol 5%	78-79	94¾		8.847	12.727
84¾	63¾	Bucks 5%	1975	84½		5.554	12.703
94¾	86¾	Camden 5%	79-79	73¾		8.844	14.821
86	62	Croydon 5%	78-81	62		10.220	14.767
87¾	61¾	Edin 5%	77-78	77¾		8.603	14.928
101½	73	Glasgow 5%	80-82	78¾		12.444	14.817
87¾	63	Gwich 5%	76-78	77¾		8.662	14.338
90¾	73½	Herts 5%	78-79	84		8.826	13.833
84¾	61¾	Liverpl 5%	78-79	84		8.850	14.124
91¾	78¾	Liverpl 5%	78-79	84		8.336	13.870
19	19	Met Water B				14.989	15.757
91¾	74¾	N I 6%	79-80	84		10.569	18.118
81¾	61¾	N I 5%	80-84	61½		13.440	17.311
84¾	54¾	N I Elec 6%	81-83	55¾		11.885	16.766
85¾	64¾	Notts 6%	78-79	78		8.626	14.308
86¾	65¾	Sthend 6%	77-79	79¾		7.472	14.882
84¾	63¾	Swark 6%	78-80	78¾		8.588	15.064
84¾	65¾	Surrey 6%	79-80	85		8.588	14.997

DOLLAR STOCKS

44¾	32	Brascan $	1¾			43.0	5.7 4.7
7	6	B'K Canada $	6¾				
880	657	Can Fac Ord	880			29.6	4.9 12.6
51	51½	El Paso $	51½			41.7	6.0 13.1
35¾	25¾	Exxon Corp $	35¾				
8	5¾	Fluor $	8			8.6	0.5 55.5
19¾	13¾	Hollinger $	18			18.9	1.7 31.4
19¾	13¾	Husky Oil $	19¾				
19¾	14	Int Hldgs	19			13.4	3.0
12	10	Int Nickel $	11¾			58.3	3.7 11.9
45¾	32½	Int Pet	45¾			28.7	8.4 6.8
43¾	18	Massey Alum	43¾			43.9	3.4
29¾	19¾	Massey-Ferg $	29¾			32.9	3.4 6.8
41¾	29¾	Pacific Petrol $	41¾				
45	35	Pan Canadian $	45				
36¾	25¾	Steel Brds $	36¾				
43½	30½	Trans Can P $	40				
13	9	US Steel $	13				
30	20	White Pass $	30			15.3	5.8 37.7
15¾	10	Zapata Corp $	15¾			15.7	11.2 6.9

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

217	150	Alexn Discount	155		+5	15.2	9.6 21.9
145	110	Allen & Ross 10/-	145			10.5	7.5 9.7
170	140	Anglo-Latinam	140			10.5	7.5 9.7
140	110	Anz A NZ	136			13.6	10.0 3.3
45	30	Bk Bermuda	38			1.8	3.4 6.9
140	110	Bk Leumi UK	138			10.4	9.7 12.3
240	180	Bk of NSW	240			12.9	7.5 12.5
125	95	Bk of N Scotia £1	95			57.8	5.5 15.1
145	110	Bk of Scotland	135			12.4	8.9 11.1
145	110	Barclays Bank	145			11.5	8.1 12.3
24	18	Barnett Hldgs	24			1.4	5.7 6.1
19	15	Brt Bk of Near E	19			2.6	17.5
95	75	Brown, Shipley	95			9.5	10.0 4.4
25	19	Burston Grp	25			2.5	10.0 4.4
14	11	Cater, Ryder	14			11.0	0.6
11	8	Cedar Hldgs	11			1.5	13.6 6.8
134	104	Chase Man	134			10.1	5.4 8.6
15	11	Chiltern	15			1.5	10.0 6.7
106	80	Com Bk of Aust	106			7.4	6.0 7.3
106	80	Com Bk of Syd	106			7.4	6.0 7.3
45	34	CC De France £10	36			36.1	4.1 10.9
1	1	First Nat Fin	1			1.1	15.1 4.8
34	25	Fraser Ans	34			7.4	11.1
95	70	Gerrard & Nat	95			10.7	8.4 13.8
24	18	Gibbs A.	24			7.4	11.1
25	19	Gillett Bros	25			2.5	
50	38	Guinness Peat	50			10 6a	12.9 3.6
100	75	Hambros £10	98			97.5	15.2
14	10	Do Ord	14			13.7	10.2
90	68	Hill Samuel	90			9.5	10.5 4.7
94	70	Hong K & Shang	94		+2	6.5b	3.6 18.3
25	19	Jessel Sec	25			15.6	6.8 4.5
30	22	Jessel Toynbee	30			3.2	9.7
30	22	Keyser Ullmann	30			2.5	18.5 3.6
30	22	King & Shaxson	30			3.8	8.7 13.4
50	38	Kleinwort Ben	50			9.8	9.4 5.2
40	30	Lloyds Bank	40			9.8	10.2 4.9
30	22	Mercury Secs	30			3.9	7.7 4.2
30	22	Midland	30			14.5	10.1 4.1
30	22	Minster Assets	30			3.5	16.7 5.4
30	22	Nat & Grind	30			4.9	11.2 7.1
30	22	Nat of Aust	30			9.7	8.2 7.5
30	22	Nat Com Bk Aus	30			9.7	8.2 7.5
30	22	"N" Minster	30			10.7	8.4 7.1
30	22	Ottoman	30			140	6.4 13.3
30	22	Rea Bros	30			4.9	12.8 15.5
30	22	Rental of Can	30			49.5	2.5 50.5
30	22	Schroders	30			10.2	8.6 12.1
30	22	Screemabe Mar	30			19.2	8.6 12.7
30	22	Slater Walker	30			4.9	11.2 3.9
30	22	Smith St Aubyn	30				
30	22	Standrd & Chart	30			17.5	9.0 3.6
30	22	Union Discount	30			7.5	4.0
30	22	Westmrd	64			5.9	6.1 5.5

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERS

115	80	Allied	115		+1½	4.2b	10.1 6.3
70	50	Bass Charrington	70			5.5b	9.2 5.7
34½	25	Bell A.	34½			6.9	9.8 4.3
30	22	Bodlingtons	30			3.7	8.5 6.6
30	22	Brown M	30			3.7	8.5 7.1
30	22	Burtonwood	30			4.4	9.7 5.4
30	22	Cameron J W.	30			2.8	10.1 7.3
30	22	Chef Lon Dtd	30			2.8b	10.1 7.3
30	22	Dewhirst	30			6.5	7.8 7.5
30	22	Distillers	30			7.9	8.5 7.1
30	22	Dist Corp S	30			34.1	7.5 12.4
30	22	Greenall	30			2.8	8.8 6.3
30	22	Greene King	30			6.0	8.5 7.9
30	22	Guinness	30			8.9	11.1 5.6
30	22	Hardys & R'sons	30			3.4	12.1 3.7
30	22	Highland	30			7.0	8.5 5.7
30	22	Invergordon	30			4.4	9.7 5.4
30	22	Irish Distillers	30			3.3	8.9 5.7
30	22	Long John Int	30			8.5	10.5 4.7
30	22	Macon	30			3.5	8.8 5.9
30	22	Morland & Co	30			17.2	9.4 5.5
30	22	Scot & Newcastle	30			6.5	11.4 6.6
30	22	SA Breweries	30			8.5	9.1 9.6
30	22	Teacher	30			12.3	7.4 9.0
30	22	Tollemache	30			5.0	6.3 11.7
30	22	Tomatin	30			4.1	6.7 8.0
30	22	Vaux	30			17.6	12.9 8.7
30	22	Whitbread 'A'	30			4.1	10.1 4.9
30	22	Do B	30			4.1	9.7 7.1
30	22	Whitbread Inv	30			6.0	12.1 12.3
30	22	Wolverhampton	30			4.2	11.5 5.4

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
263	70	AAH	78	-2	11.6	14.5	3.6
160	41	AB Electronic	70		6.1	15.0	3.9
52	37	AC Cars	37		1.7	4.5	9.3
315	45	AD Intl	60		3.2	5.3	7.7
119½	31	AGB Research	37		3.6	11.9	4.5
135	105	AFV Hldgs	129		12.6	10.5	5.3
114	31	AVP Ind	35		3.2	9.2	3.5
188	22	Aaronson Bros	22		2.1	9.4	3.1
78	21	Abbey Panels	23		2.5	10.7	4.6
50	44	Acrow	44		8.5b	18.0	4.6
150	36	Do A	36		8.5b	18.0	4.6
277	98	Adwest Group	98		5.6	15.3	4.0
73	15	Aerosol & Gen.	15		1.5	8.7	11.6
128	70	Airfix Ind	70		3.9	4.9	8.3
120	30	Do NV	30		3.9	10.7	4.3
43	20	Albright & W	41		5.3b	12.8	5.3
101½	44½	Alcan 10½%	64½		1050	16.3	
97½	58	Do 9% Cv	£58		900	14.5	
31	21	Allen E.	24		4.2	12.5	4.1
27	8	Allen W. G.	8		3.5	14.5	6.3
33	18	Alliance Alders	33		1.6	6.9	6.4
69	11	Allied Colloids	69		1.1	8.6	7.7
11	11	Allied Plant	13				
40	18	Allied Polymer	35		5.5	13.9	5.4
7	7	Alpine Hldgs	13				
149	144	Amal Metal	160		15.0	10.0	4.4
107	28	Amal Power	28		4.2	12.5	4.1
63	38	Amber Day	38		1.5	8.7	5.7
137	90	Anchor Chem	90		11.5	10.7	5.7
128	108	Anderson Strath	110		11.5	10.7	5.7
48	6	Anglian Food	8			0.5c	6.5 28.6
315	45	Angle Amer Ind	45		32.4	9.0	6.7
84	58	Ang Swiss Hldgs	58		3.3	11.4	4.0
130	93	Anglo-Thai Corp	117		4.4	3.8	5.7
134	22	Ann Tex 'A'	24		7.7	22.5	3.9
39	20	Ann Trooting	20		2.7	9.5	6.3
149	142	Ansbury & Midley	142		2.9	9.2	4.4
215	94	Ansu Gloves	94		5.2	5.5	4.6
17	16	Antwood Garage	16		2.3	12.0	6.2
188	18	Audiotronic	18		6.5	36.3	2.7
52	16	Ault & Wiborg	20		2.9	14.4	4.7
19½	2	Aurum Gear	2		4.0	10.5	2.6
73	38	Austin E.	38		4.0	10.5	2.6
101¼	94½	Automotive Pd	98		2.1	10.9	2.5
149	47½	Averys	50½		2.0	11.5	5.6
215	94	Avon Rubber	94		12.8	13.6	3.5
63	25	BBA Grp	25		3.4	15.4	3.7
183	87	BPB Ind	87		7.9	12.7	3.6
14	5	BSG Int	5		0.6	15.3	4.0
41	16	BSR Ltd	16		2.1	11.0	5.6
97	44	BTR Ltd	46		5.1	11.0	5.6
196	32	Babcock & W	32		2.7b	7.4	6.3
127	28	Bacal Const	28				
62	17	Bagnall & Sk	17		2.4	10.7	5.2
146	5	Bailey C.H. Ord	5		0.2	3.6	5.2
193	57	Baird W.	61		11.7	19.1	4.0
277	98	Baker Perkins	98		4.7	18.2	3.6
73	38	Barclay Ellen	38		2.5	6.6	7.4
128	70	Barker & Dixon	6		1.3	21.5	6.5
130	30	Barlow Rand	126	+1	12.4b	9.2	4.4
304	132	Barr & Wallace	132		4.2	17.5	5.1
24	11	Barr A.	22		2.5	11.2	5.1
196	40	Barratt Devs	45	+5	5.9	13.1	2.6
36	26	Barrow Hepbn	36		4.0b	15.5	2.8
31	21	Barton & Sons	21		3.7	17.5	3.3
29	21	Bath & Port	29		3.5	12.0	5.1
23	21	Bath & Pland	23		3.5	15.0	3.2
217	77	Baxter Fell	77		7.3e	9.5	2.7
81	33	Beales J.	33		4.2	12.8	4.1
63	17	Beattie Clark	17		2.5	14.7	4.1
68	17	Beauford Grp	18		2.5	21.2	3.1
350	100	Beaverbrook	100				
133	13	Do A	17½		6.4	21.2	3.7
311	128	Beecham Grp	133	+3	7.0	5.3	6.6
159	42	Bejam Grp	58	+3	4.5b	7.7	10.2
112	23	Bemrose Corp	28	+1	3.2	11.2	8.0
44	11	Benn Bros	11		2.5	12.5	4.9
134	70	Bensons Int	74		5.5	7.5	4.9
186	63	Berisford & W.	68		7.4	10.8	5.3
77	12	Berisfords	12		2.1	10.7	5.8
190	75	Berwick Timpo	81	+1	4.4	5.4	5.4
190	58	Bestobell	58		3.8	6.5	7.1
163	42	Bibby J.	80	+2	4.2	5.3	4.4
107	28	Bilham J.	28		4.2	15.0	5.8
149	34	Birmid Qualcst	36		4.2	11.6	3.4
138	46	Birmingham Mint	46		5.3	11.6	5.6
68	21	Birm Post 'A'	21		3.4	15.5	4.9
135	80	Bishops Stores	80		2.5	2.7	16.8
107	38	Do A NV	38		2.5	6.6	6.9
11	4	Blick & Edg'ton	4		1.0	8.8	5.4
615	325	Blackman & C	325		20.0	16.2	2.8
84	58	Blackwd Hodge	45½		4.6b	9.9	3.8
66	14½	Blackwood Mt	16		2.6	16.3	4.5
73	38	Bleasdale & N	73		3.1	9.1	8.9
108	24	Blundell Perm	24		3.1	11.4	3.8
87	27	Boardman K. O.	72		3.2	16.1	2.8
8	8	Bodycote	8		1.2	15.0	3.4
63	15½	Bolton Textile	15½		2.0	16.2	2.8
45	45	Bonas Webb	45		1.5	7.4	5.1
83	30	Booker McCon	72		7.9	10.9	5.1
46	35	Bovey & Hwkes	46		2.5	11.0	4.1
135	115	Bowis	125		8.2	9.7	7.5
28	8½	Boulton W.	8½		1.5	17.8	4.9
88	55	Bowater Corp	86	+5	10.0	10.4	5.3
68	30	Bowthrpe Hldgs	32½		3.9	11.7	4.5
127	48	Brady G.	46		7.5	16.2	4.1
62	30	Do A	34		7.5	16.2	4.1
156	46	Braid Grp	46		3.5	10.1	3.6
68	15	Braithwaite	48		2.5	10.3	4.2
84	46	Brassey	80		3.0	5.0	5.3
138	46	Brenner	46		4.5	14.2	5.3
38	23	Brent Chem Int	25		1.5	5.9	6.0
39	15½	Brickhouse Dud	16		2.4	15.0	4.6
116	80	Bridon	84		5.2	6.2	7.2
46	22	Briggs Amey	22		3.2	14.5	4.3
39	13	Brit Car Auc	13		3.2	24.6	2.9
113	44	Brit Electric	44		4.7	10.6	4.3
101	38	Brit Home Stor	38		4.7	19.8	3.5
101	38	Brit Ind Hldgs	38		8.3	13.8	2.9
23	13	Brit Insulated	13		2.3	12.5	4.4
49	15	Brit Leisure	15½		2.3b	10.4	4.1
65	25	Brit News	25		6.1	10.1	3.9
243	243	Brit Paper	243		9.0	5.5	4.2
34	22	Brit Portland Cement	22		3.2	14.5	4.0
34	22	Brit Tel 'A'	34		7.7	22.5	3.9
30	22	Brit Tooling	22		2.7	9.5	6.3
17½	15	Britt Ind Hldgs	17½		2.0	11.4	1.5
149	47½	Britton Chem	47½		2.9	6.2	4.6
215	94	Broadcast Sound	94		12.8	13.6	3.5
30	22	Bromsgrove Ind	30		3.4	15.4	3.7
30	22	Brook Motors	30		3.4	15.4	3.7
30	22	Brooke Bond	30½	+½	3.0	11.4	4.1
30	22	Brooke Tool	15				
30	22	Brotherhood P.	30		2.4	10.7	5.2
30	22	Brown & Tawse	30		2.4	6.8	5.2
30	22	Brown Bros Cp	6½		0.8	9.2	3.3
30	22	Brown J.	30		12.7	15.9	6.4
30	22	Brown M. Inv	30		2.1	11.6	5.3
30	22	Bruce Hldgs	30		2.1	11.6	5.3
30	22	Bruntons	30		7.8	11.4	9.0
30	22	Bryant Hldgs	17	+1	2.6	15.1	4.0
30	22	Bryce Group	30		3.7	17.5	3.3
30	22	Bullough Ltd	30		5.9	16.4	2.4
30	22	Bulmer & Lamb	18½		3.2

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BARNFIELD.—On Oct. 14, peacefully, at his Cheltenham home, in his 85th year, Allan Stewart Barnfield, O.B.E., loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

BATCHELOR.—On 10th October, Charles Rivers Batchelor, of Glebe House, Greatham, Pulborough, Sussex, in his 95th year. Private funeral at Greatham Church.

BATHGATE.—On Monday, 14th October, 1974, suddenly at Middlesex Hospital, Robert Hardy Bathgate, beloved husband of Joan Bathgate, of 34 Kings Rd., Chelsea. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, on Wednesday, 23rd October, at 3 p.m.

BAXENDALE.—On October 14th, peacefully, at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, Amy Beatrice (Peter), wife of the late Basil Francis Baxendale, O.B.E., of Ropley and mother of Jeanne. Funeral service at Alresford Parish Church, on Friday, October 18th, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to John Steel and Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, Winchester.

BRASHER.—On October 15th, 1974, in hospital at Dudley, Ethel Emma Brasher (nee Morfen), aged 87 years widow of W. H. Brasher of The Mount, Kidsmere, Shropshire. Funeral service at Kidsmere Parish Church on Monday, October 21st, at 2 p.m. Donations if desired to the R.S.P.C.A. Letters to Dr. S. P. B. Way, 62 Wheeley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Enquiries to Sleigh and Son, Funeral Directors, Ludlow 2485 or to Shrewsbury 4958.

BULLER.—On 15th October, 1974, Suddenly at Canok Garth, 9 Channel Road, Clevedon, Brigadier Raymond Swinburn Buller O.B.E., aged 75 years, late of the Dorset Regt. Funeral service at Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon and Valde Cantos Marbella Spain, brother of Audrey Curtis. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Clevedon, at 2.30 p.m., Friday, October 18th, followed by cremation. Flowers and enquiries to Bennett, Queens Road, Clevedon.

CANNELL.—On October 13th, 1974, suddenly, Bill Cannell, of Woodmancote Place, Henfield, beloved father of Mary Ann, and grandfather of Charles and Richard. Service at Woodmancote Church, on Friday, October 18th, at 11.50 a.m., followed by interment in the Churchyard. Flowers may be sent to Henfield. Tel. 3220. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

CATCH.—Suddenly on October 14th, 1974, Leonard Frederick Catch, aged 65 years, of Shipton George, Dorset (late of Enfield, Middlesex), beloved husband of Betty and dear father of Susan. Cremation at Weymouth on Monday, October 21st, at 3.30 p.m. No flowers by request, please.

CHAMBERLAIN.—On October 12th, 1974, suddenly at his home in Richmond, Surrey, Doctor John Chamberlain, Acheson of the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington. Service St. Michael's Church, Thames Ditton, Friday, October 18th, at 1.45 p.m., followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium. Cut flowers, only.

CONSTANTINIDES.—On October 15th, peacefully in King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, Phaedon George, aged 74, of Limassol, Cyprus, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral on Friday, October 18th, at 3.30 p.m., at Church of England Chapel, Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey. No flowers or letters. Last donations to N.S.P.C.C., 1 Riding House St., London, W.1.

CROPPER.—On October 14th, at The Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Dorothy, aged 83, of Tonbridge, formerly of Pontbill, Clifford, Wiltshire. Service at St. Saviours Church, Tonbridge, Monday, October 21st, 11.30 a.m. No flowers, please.

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ELTON.—On October 14th, Minnie of 26a Brickwell Gardens, NW3, widow of Leo and mother of Beryl and Miles.

FLEVILLE.—On October 13th, 1974, very suddenly, at his home, Baron James Reginald de Fleville, of the Old Manse, 16 Beechey Road, Bournemouth. Dearly loved husband of Edith Clare, and step father of David. Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Friday October 18th, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers and enquiries to George Scott & Son (Funeral Directors) Ltd., 13-15 Somerset Road, Bournemouth. Tel. 0202 25627.

FORD.—On 14th October, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Ethelford, O.B.E., F.R.S.C., of Keppel, West Chiltington Common, Sussex, formerly of Plymouth and Millport. Family funeral. No flowers, please.

HARDY.—On October 11th, 1974, suddenly after a short illness at Fraserlee Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, Edith Annis. Funeral private, memorial service later.

HIGGS.—On 12th October, 1974, suddenly and peacefully at home, Old Allens, Plaxtol, Harry John Hunter, aged 60, beloved husband of Michele (Mick) and stepfather of Claire, Georgina and Sarah Jane. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, on Friday, 18th October, at 3.30 p.m. Cut flowers only, please, to E. R. Hickmott & Son, 31 Grove Hill Rd., Tunbridge Wells, by 12 noon.

HIND.—On October 14th, 1974, Captain Richard Clive Streeton Hind, serving brother of the Order of St. John, of the Old Station, Whittingham, Northumberland, eldest son of Chesiyn and the late Major C. E. Hind, T.D., of 18 Scotland Road, Carlisle, dear nephew of Ruth and loving brother of Helena, Paddy and Howard. Service in St. Michael's Church, Slaggyth, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 17th October, followed by cremation at Carlisle. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if desired, for medical research; cheques made payable to Mr. I. Reeves, M.B.I.E., of W. H. Reeves & Sons, Funeral Directors, 8 Ellerby Street, Stanwix, Carlisle.

KLEINSCHER.—On 15th October, 1974, at Central Middlesex Hospital, Dr Manfred Kleinscher. Funeral service at St. Paul's Church, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, on Friday, 18th October, at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Donations to Mill Hill Tec H, 31 Glendor Gdns., Mill Hill, or flowers to John Nodes & Sons, 52 The Broadway, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.

KIMBER.—On October 14th, 1974, at a Worthing nursing home, Lilian Mildred Kimber, aged 90 years. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Monday, October 21st, at 12.15 p.m. No flowers, please.

KOUMLIDES.—On 15th October, 1974, in Salonica, Demetrius Koumlides, beloved husband of Kalina and father of Mary Liddercale, Julia Vollou and Zanas Paradi.

LAMBERT.—On 14th October 1974, suddenly at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rhyl, John Henry (Jack) Lambert, the devoted husband of Ella and dearly loved father of Joyce and Gordon and well loved Head of the Lambert family. Funeral tomorrow, Thursday. Service and cremation at the Colwyn Bay Crematorium, at 12.0 noon. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu may be given to the Royal Masonic Hospitals W. Bro. Percy Lovell, " S. Wanlan " Bryn Arthur, St. Asaph, Clwyd, or W. Bro. E. Mussallo, 49 Clifton Park Road, Rhyl, Clwyd. Further enquiries to Tones Funeral Services (Rhyl) Ltd., Tel. Rhyl 4884.

LOCKHART.—On 15th October, 1974, in hospital in her 95th year Leonora Charlotte Maude, the Rynd. Funeral private.

MACANDREWS.—On October 11th, peacefully, in Verona, Evelyn Agnes, dearly loved mother of Julian and Jennifer and grandmother of Rupert. Memorial Service to be arranged.

McGREGOR.—On October 14th, 1974, peacefully, in hospital after a long illness bravely borne, Klara Gertrude, aged 70 years, dearly loved wife of Horace McGregor, of " Dayspring " Vicarage Hill, Pelham, Canterbury.

McWILLIAM.—On October 14th, suddenly in Salisbury, Rhodesia, Henry Ormiston Arthur, most dearly loved husband of Pat. Funeral service will be announced later.

MITCHELL.—On October 14th, at Unsted Park Nursing Home, Bramley, in her 79th year, Helen Shields, wife of the late Alexander Cameron, mother of Margaret and Ronald, and much loved grandmother. Cremation at Putney Vale, S.W.15, on Monday, 21st October, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Pinn's Funerals, Guildford.

POTTS.—On October 15th, peacefully in Leatherhead Hospital, Arthur Leonard Potts, aged 85, of Ashtead, beloved father and grandfather.

PRIOR.—On October 12th, 1974, suddenly, at her home, 10 Norton Avenue, South Norwood, Edith Irene, beloved wife of the late Norman Harold Prior. Funeral service at St. John's Church, Upper Norwood, 11 a.m. Thursday, October 17th, followed by cremation at Elmers End Crematorium. Family flowers only to Cullen and Sons, 104 Church Road, S.E.19. Donations, if desired, to Help the Aged, Denman's Street, W1A 2AP. No letters, please.

ROBINSON.—On October 12th, 1974, in Buteswaran, John Robinson husband of Ruthmary and father of Carol and Michael, aged 80.

SCOTT-MALCOLM. — On October 14th, 1974, beloved husband of Joyce, father of Margaret, Madeleine and Marcia. Funeral at Aldershot crematorium, on Friday, 18th October, 1974. Funeral private, no flowers by request. Donations to Heart Research Fund.

SHACKLETON.—On October 15th, at Itchenor, W. S. (Bill) Shackleton, pioneer/designer of light aeroplanes and gliders. Very dear husband of Elizabeth (Concie), and father of Keith and the late Pilot Officer Allan, R.A.F.V.R. Funeral private, family only at his special request; please no letters, no flowers.

SPENCELY.—On October 13th, at home, James le Despenser Spencely, beloved husband of Irene, father of Clifford and Gabriatic, and son of Mrs J. G. Palmer, of Eastbourne. Service at All Saints Church, Crosby, Liverpool 23, on Thursday October 17th, at 11.00 a.m. Interment following at St. Luke's Churchyard, Burbo Bank Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool 23.

SPINK, GLADYS MAY, widow of Samuel Martin, peacefully in her sleep on October 15th in Worthing. Burial on Monday, October 21st at 2.30, Durrington Cemetery. No flowers.

SYMINGTON.—On October 14th, quietly in his sleep, Alexander McLeod (Pip), of Chaffeymoor Grange, Bourton, Dorset, dearest husband of Cecily. No letters. Cremation private.

TANNER.—On October 15th, 1974, peacefully, at 6 Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden, Essex, Alice Grace, aged 95 years, a much loved aunt. Cremation at Cambridge City Crematorium, Monday, October 21st, at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

TERRY.—In Middlesex Hospital on October 12th, 1974, Hazel Terry, actress daughter of Dennis Nielson-Terry. Funeral at Golders Green West Chapel, Saturday, October 19th, at 11.30 a.m.

THOMPSON.—On 13th October, 1974, aged 82, John H., of 4 Greenland Avenue, Norbury, S.W.16, formerly of the Colonial Office. Uncle of John to so many in the five continents. Funeral Friday 18th October, 1974, 11 a.m. at the Croydon Crematorium, Thornton Heath. Thornton Heath. No flowers, please. Donations may be made to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

TIRARD.—On October 12th, 1974, peacefully, at Folkestone Private Clinic, in her 85th year, Dorothy Helen Tirard. Remembered with affection by her sister and nephews and nieces. Funeral service Hawkinge Crematorium on Monday, October 21st, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers to Hanbrook and Johns, 1 Dover Road, Folkestone.

TRETHOWAN.—On 13th October, aged 81, James Jackson (Jack) Trethowan, M.B.E., of 1 Audley House, Audley Avenue, Goring-by-Sea, dearly loved husband of Winsome and father of Ian, and devoted grandfather. Service at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 18th October, at St. Laurence's Church, Sea Place, Goring-by-Sea, followed by cremation privately. By his request no flowers, but if desired donations to Officers' Families Fund, 21 Stratton Ground, S.W.1.

ULYATT.—On October 12th, 1974, at the Franciscan Friary, Buckingham, Fr. Christopher Ulyatt O.F.M., O.B.E., aged 65 years. Funeral Mass at St. Bernardine's, Buckingham, on Thursday, October 17th, at 7.15 p.m. Interment at Chilworth Friary, on Friday 18th, at 12 noon.

WALKER.—On October 13th, 1974, after a long illness, Philip Basil, of Asthall Farm, Oxon, beloved husband of Muriel and son of the late Mary and Sam Walker, passed peacefully away aged 65 years. Funeral service at Asthall Church on Thursday, 17th October, 2 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research Fund if desired.

WINTERBOTHAM.—On October 14th at Stonehouse Court, Gloucestershire, Ada Caroline in her 100the year, widow of A. S. Winterbotham. Funeral service at Stonehouse Parish Church on Friday, October 18th, at 11 a.m. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only by request.

ZAMET.—On October 15th, peacefully, Deborah Louise, aged years 10 months, dearly beloved daughter of Susanne and Jeffrey, sister of Simon and Rachel. Funeral at Willesden Jewish Cemetery, at 11 a.m., 16th October (today). Prayers 8 p.m., 18 Stormont Rd., N.6.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COLVILLE.—Memorial services for Lieutenant Colonel Norman Colville, M.C., F.S.A., will be held at Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W.1, on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 11.30 a.m. and at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Launceston, Cornwall, on Sunday, November 3rd, at 3 p.m.

LYRA.—A memorial service for Captain George N. Lyras will take place at the Greek Cathedral of St. Sophia, Moscow Rd., W.2, at 12.30 p.m., Sunday, 20th October.

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